

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 614**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Bonilla**

February 16, 2011

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An act to amend Section 48000 of the Education Code, relating to kindergarten.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 614, as introduced, Bonilla. Kindergarten.

Existing law requires that a child be admitted to kindergarten at the beginning of the school year, or at any time later in the same year if the child will have his or her 5th birthday on or before the following dates: December 2 for the 2011–12 school year, November 1 for the 2012–13 school year, October 1 for the 2013–14 school year, and September 1 for the 2014–15 school year and each school year thereafter. Existing law requires that as a condition of receipt of apportionments for these purposes, a child whose admission to a traditional kindergarten is delayed be admitted to a transitional kindergarten program, as defined.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive change to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 48000 of the Education Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 48000. (a) A child shall be admitted to a kindergarten
- 4 maintained by the school district at the beginning of a school year,

1 or at a later time in the same year, if the child will have his or her  
2 fifth birthday on or before one of the following dates:

- 3 (1) December 2 of the 2011–12 school year.
- 4 (2) November 1 of the 2012–13 school year.
- 5 (3) October 1 of the 2013–14 school year.
- 6 (4) September 1 of the 2014–15 school year and each school  
7 year thereafter.

8 (b) The governing board of a school district maintaining one or  
9 more kindergartens may, on a case-by-case basis, may admit to a  
10 kindergarten a child having attained the age of five years at any  
11 time during the school year with the approval of the parent or  
12 guardian, subject to the following conditions:

13 (1) The governing board determines that the admittance is in  
14 the best interests of the child.

15 (2) The parent or guardian is given information regarding the  
16 advantages and disadvantages and any other explanatory  
17 information about the effect of this early admittance.

18 (c) As a condition of receipt of apportionment for pupils in a  
19 transitional kindergarten program pursuant to subdivision (g) of  
20 Section 46300, a school district or charter school shall ensure the  
21 following:

22 (1) In the 2012–13 school year, a child who will have his or her  
23 fifth birthday between November 2 and December 2 shall be  
24 admitted to a transitional kindergarten program maintained by the  
25 school district.

26 (2) In the 2013–14 school year, a child who will have his or her  
27 fifth birthday between October 2 and December 2 shall be admitted  
28 to a transitional kindergarten program maintained by the school  
29 district.

30 (3) In the 2014–15 school year and each school year thereafter,  
31 a child who will have his or her fifth birthday between September  
32 2 and December 2 shall be admitted to a transitional kindergarten  
33 program maintained by the school district.

34 (d) For purposes of this section, “transitional kindergarten”  
35 means the first year of a two-year kindergarten program that uses  
36 a modified kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally  
37 appropriate.

- 1 (e) A transitional kindergarten shall not be construed as a new
- 2 program or *a* higher level of service.

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