

Introduced by Senator RunnerFebruary 25, 2009

An act to amend Sections 48000 and 48010 of the Education Code, relating to pupil admission.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 293, as introduced, Runner. Pupil admission: kindergarten and 1st grade.

Existing law requires that a child be admitted to kindergarten at the beginning of a school year, or at any time later in the same year, if the child will have his or her 5th birthday on or before December 2 of that school year. An elementary school is required to admit a child to the 1st grade during the first month of a school year if the child will have his or her 6th birthday on or before December 2 of that school year.

This bill would change the required birthday for kindergarten and 1st grade admission to November 1 for the 2010–11 school year, October 1 for the 2011–12 school year, and September 1 for the 2012–13 school year and each school year thereafter. An elementary school would be required, until and including the 2012–13 school year, to admit a child to the 1st grade if the child has completed one school year of kindergarten.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
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:

1 48000. (a) A child shall be admitted to a kindergarten at the
2 beginning of a school year, or at ~~any~~ a later time in the same year
3 if the child will have his or her fifth birthday on or before
4 ~~December 2 of that school year. one of the following dates:~~

5 (1) *December 2 of the 2009–10 school year.*

6 (2) *November 1 of the 2010–11 school year.*

7 (3) *October 1 of the 2011–12 school year.*

8 (4) *September 1 of the 2012–13 school year and each school*
9 *year thereafter.*

10 (b) A child who will have his or her fifth birthday on or before
11 ~~December 2~~ *one of the dates described in paragraphs (1) to (4),*
12 *inclusive, of subdivision (a)* may be admitted to the prekindergarten
13 summer program maintained by the school district for pupils who
14 will be enrolling in kindergarten in September.

15 ~~(b)~~

16 (c) The governing board of ~~any~~ a school district maintaining
17 one or more kindergartens may, on a case-by-case basis, admit to
18 a kindergarten a child having attained the age of five years at any
19 time during the school year with the approval of the parent or
20 guardian, subject to the following conditions:

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

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

26 SEC. 2. Section 48010 of the Education Code is amended to
27 read:

28 48010. (a) A child shall be admitted to the first grade of an
29 elementary school during the first month of a school year if the
30 child will have his or her sixth birthday on or before ~~December~~
31 ~~2nd of that school year. For one of the following dates:~~

32 (1) *December 2 of the 2009–10 school year.*

33 (2) *November 1 of the 2010–11 school year.*

34 (3) *October 1 of the 2011–12 school year.*

35 (4) *September 1 of the 2012–13 school year and each school*
36 *year thereafter.*

37 (b) For good cause, the governing board of a school district
38 may permit a child of proper age to be admitted to a class after the
39 first school month of the school term.

1 (c) *Notwithstanding subdivision (a), a child shall be admitted*
2 *to the first grade of an elementary school in a school year up to*
3 *and including the 2012–13 school year if the child has completed*
4 *one school year of kindergarten.*

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