

Introduced by Senator SimitianDecember 6, 2010

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 30, as introduced, Simitian. Kindergarten: age of admission.

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 as specified.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to that provision.

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,
5 or at a later time in the same year if the child will have his or her
6 fifth birthday on or before one of the following dates:
7 (1) December 2 of the 2011–12 school year.
8 (2) November 1 of the 2012–13 school year.
9 (3) October 1 of the 2013–14 school year.
10 (4) September 1 of the 2014–15 school year and each school
11 year thereafter.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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