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An Act To Amend Minimum Age Eligibility for School Enrollment

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

Handwritten signature of Robert B. Hunt in cursive.

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram.
Cosponsored by Representatives: PIERCE of Dresden, SIMMONS of Waldoboro, STEWART of Presque Isle.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4252, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 141, §3, is
3 further amended to read:

4 **4. Programs for children 4 years of age and 5 years of age.** Encourage the
5 development of public preschool programs or 2-year kindergartens ~~in conformity with~~
6 ~~section 5201, subsection 2, paragraph C~~ and other appropriate programs to address the
7 needs of children 4 years of age and 5 years of age;

8 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §5201, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 141, §12, is
9 further amended to read:

10 **2. Minimum age.** ~~The following are~~ The school board of a school administrative
11 unit shall establish the minimum ages age necessary for student enrollment in a the school
12 administrative unit.

13 ~~B. A person who will be at least 5 years old on October 15th of the school year may~~
14 ~~enroll in school.~~

15 ~~C. A person who will be at least 4 years of age on October 15th of the school year~~
16 ~~may enroll in a public preschool program prior to kindergarten if it is offered.~~

17 A school board shall adopt rules to carry out this subsection.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill provides that school boards are responsible for establishing the minimum
20 age necessary for student enrollment.