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INTRODUCED BY SENATOR WRIGHT-JONES.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 160, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to kindergarten attendance.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 160, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 160.052, to read as follows:

160.052. 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 160.051, 160.053, 160.054, 160.055, and 167.031 to the contrary, any child whose fifth birthday occurs at any time during the calendar year shall be deemed to have attained the age of five years at the commencement of the school year beginning that calendar year. The parent, guardian, or other person having charge, control, or custody of any child who has attained the age of five years in accordance with this section shall be responsible for enrolling the child in kindergarten.

2. The parent, guardian, or other person having charge, control, or custody of any child who has not attained the age of five, as provided in this section, but who shall attain the age of five in the subsequent calendar year, may request that the child's school district of residence conduct an assessment program to determine readiness of the child. If the school district determines that the child is ready to begin kindergarten based on the assessment program, the child may begin kindergarten at the commencement of the school year beginning that calendar year.

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