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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Admission of Students to Kindergarten - Age Requirement**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing an age requirement for admission to a kindergarten
4 program in a public school in the State; and generally relating to the age
5 requirement for the admission of students to kindergarten.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Education
8 Section 7-101(a)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1999 Replacement Volume)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article - Education**

14 7-101.

15 (a) (1) All individuals who are 5 years old or older and under 21 shall be
16 admitted free of charge to the public schools of this State.

17 (2) TO BE ADMITTED TO A KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM IN A PUBLIC
18 SCHOOL, AN INDIVIDUAL MUST BE AT LEAST 5 YEARS OLD ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST
19 DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR IN WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL ENROLLS.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 July 1, 2000.