



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5307

February Session, 2016

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AN ACT PROHIBITING THE UNREASONABLE DELAY OF ENROLLING A CHILD IN KINDERGARTEN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-184 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

3 All parents and those who have the care of children shall bring them
4 up in some lawful and honest employment and instruct them or cause
5 them to be instructed in reading, writing, spelling, English grammar,
6 geography, arithmetic and United States history and in citizenship,
7 including a study of the town, state and federal governments. Subject
8 to the provisions of this section and section 10-15c, each parent or other
9 person having control of a child five years of age and over and under
10 eighteen years of age shall cause such child to attend a public school
11 regularly during the hours and terms the public school in the district in
12 which such child resides is in session, unless such child is a high school
13 graduate or the parent or person having control of such child is able to
14 show that the child is elsewhere receiving equivalent instruction in the
15 studies taught in the public schools. For the school year commencing
16 July 1, 2011, and each school year thereafter, the parent or person
17 having control of a child seventeen years of age may consent, as
18 provided in this section, to such child's withdrawal from school. Such
19 parent or person shall personally appear at the school district office

20 and sign a withdrawal form. Such withdrawal form shall include an
21 attestation from a guidance counselor or school administrator of the
22 school that such school district has provided such parent or person
23 with information on the educational options available in the school
24 system and in the community. The parent or person having control of
25 a child five years of age shall have the option of not sending the child
26 to school until the child is six years of age and the parent or person
27 having control of a child six years of age shall [have the option of not
28 sending the] not be required to send the child to school until the child
29 is seven years of age if (1) a physician, licensed pursuant to chapter
30 370, certifies that the child should not attend school until age seven, or
31 (2) the child has been identified as having a developmental delay, as
32 defined in section 10-76a, in a birth-to-three program, under Part C of
33 the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, 20 USC 1400 et seq., as
34 amended from time to time, or in a preschool program, under Part B of
35 the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, 20 USC 1400 et seq., as
36 amended from time to time. The parent or person shall exercise such
37 option by personally appearing at the school district office and signing
38 an option form. The school district shall provide the parent or person
39 with information on the educational opportunities available in the
40 school system.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2016	10-184

ED *Joint Favorable Subst.*