



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

### 2023 and 2024

#### HB2396

Introduced 2/15/2023, by Rep. Mary Beth Canty - Dagmara Avelar, Ann M. Williams, Kelly M. Cassidy, Bob Morgan, et al.

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/10-20.19a	from Ch. 122, par. 10-20.19a
105 ILCS 5/10-22.18	from Ch. 122, par. 10-22.18

Amends the School Code. In a Section concerning kindergartens, provides that, beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, each school board must establish a kindergarten with full-day attendance (instead of allowing a school board to establish a kindergarten with half-day attendance or with full-day attendance); makes related changes. Repeals another Section concerning kindergartens on July 1, 2023. Effective immediately.

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STATE MANDATES  
ACT MAY REQUIRE  
REIMBURSEMENT

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Sections  
5 10-20.19a and 10-22.18 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.19a) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-20.19a)  
7 Sec. 10-20.19a. Kindergartens. After July 1, 1970, to  
8 establish and maintain kindergartens for the instruction of  
9 children in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed  
10 by the State Board of Education. Such kindergartens may  
11 provide for either a 1/2 day or a full day of attendance for  
12 pupils enrolled therein.

13 This Section is repealed on July 1, 2023.

14 (Source: P.A. 84-18.)

15 (105 ILCS 5/10-22.18) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-22.18)  
16 Sec. 10-22.18. Kindergartens. To establish kindergartens  
17 for the instruction of children between the ages of 4 and 6  
18 years, ~~if in their judgment the public interest requires it,~~  
19 and to pay the necessary expenses thereof out of the school  
20 funds of the district. Until the 2023-2024 school year, upon  
21 ~~Upon~~ petition of at least 50 parents or guardians of children  
22 between the ages of 4 and 6, residing within any school

1 district and within one mile of the public school where such  
2 kindergarten is proposed to be established, the board of  
3 directors shall, if funds are available, establish a  
4 kindergarten in connection with the public school designated  
5 in the petition and maintain it as long as the annual average  
6 daily attendance therein is not less than 15. Until the  
7 2023-2024 school year, the ~~The~~ board may establish a  
8 kindergarten with half-day attendance or with full-day  
9 attendance; however, if. ~~If~~ the board establishes full-day  
10 kindergarten, it shall also establish half-day kindergarten.  
11 Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, each school board  
12 must establish a kindergarten with full-day attendance. No one  
13 shall be employed to teach in a kindergarten who does not hold  
14 a license as provided by law.

15 (Source: P.A. 102-894, eff. 5-20-22.)

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
17 becoming law.