

## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2007 and 2008 HB1339

Introduced 2/20/2007, by Rep. Mary E. Flowers

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/10-20.12

from Ch. 122, par. 10-20.12

Amends the School Code. Allows children who have attended preschool and will attain the age of 5 years on or before December 1 of the year of the 2007-2008 school term and each school term thereafter to attend school upon commencement of such term (now, a child must attain age 5 on or before September 1). Makes related changes. Effective July 1, 2007.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

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1 AN ACT concerning education.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section 10-20.12 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.12) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-20.12)

Sec. 10-20.12. School year - School age. To establish and keep in operation in each year during a school term of at least the minimum length required by Section 10-19, a sufficient number of free schools for the accommodation of all persons in the district who are 5 years of age or older but under 21 years of age, and to secure for all such persons the right and opportunity to an equal education in such schools; provided that (i) children who will attain the age of 5 years on or before September 1 of the year of the 1990-1991 school term and each school term thereafter may attend school upon the commencement of such term and (ii) children who have attended preschool and will attain the age of 5 years on or before December 1 of the year of the 2007-2008 school term and each school term thereafter may attend school upon commencement of such term. Based upon an assessment of a child's readiness to attend school, a school district may permit a child to attend school prior to the dates contained in this Section. In any

- school district operating on a full year school basis children
- who will attain age 5 within 30 days after the commencement of
- 3 a term may attend school upon the commencement of such term and
- 4 children who have attended preschool and will attain age 5
- 5 within 3 months after the commencement of a term may attend
- 6 school upon the commencement of such term. The school district
- 7 may, by resolution of its board, allow for a full year school
- 8 plan.
- 9 (Source: P.A. 87-359.)
- 10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
- 11 2007.