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HOUSE BILL NO. 619

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AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONDUCT A SURVEY OF EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF ENROLLING CHILDREN IN PUBLIC SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN WHO ATTAIN FIVE YEARS OF AGE ON JULY 1, AS OPPOSED TO SEPTEMBER 1; TO REQUIRE THAT A REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S FINDINGS BE PRESENTED TO THE LEGISLATURE FOR CONSIDERATION BY JANUARY 1, 2012; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

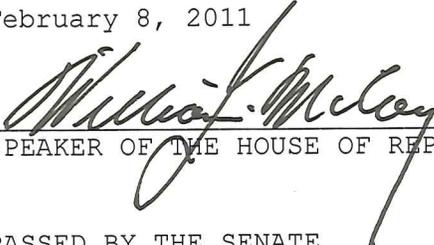
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. (1) The State Department of Education shall conduct a survey of each public school district in this state in order to determine the feasibility of allowing children who attain five (5) years of age on or before July 1 to enroll in public school kindergarten, as opposed to the existing requirement that a child attain the age of five (5) years on or before September 1 of the school year in which the child is to be enrolled in a full-day public school kindergarten. The survey should assess student preparedness, transition and adaptation to the school and learning environment, effectiveness of instruction as applied to student retention, and any other component the department deems necessary to make an accurate determination of the feasibility of a July 1 enrollment age.

(2) The department shall submit a report of the findings of the survey conducted under subsection (1) of this section to the Legislature for consideration by January 1, 2012.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
February 8, 2011


SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PASSED BY THE SENATE
March 3, 2011


PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR


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