

By: Representative McCoy

To: Education

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 619

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

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

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

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

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

