

By Representative Bullard

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to compulsory school  
3           attendance; amending s. 232.01, F.S.;  
4           establishing a 2-year pilot program in the  
5           Miami-Dade school district in which the  
6           compulsory school attendance age will be  
7           lowered to include those children who have  
8           attained the age of 5 years by a certain date;  
9           requiring an appropriation; limiting  
10          implementation to the extent specifically  
11          funded in the General Appropriations Act;  
12          providing an effective date.

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14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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16           Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 232.01, Florida  
17 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (3) and a new subsection  
18 (2) is added to said section to read:

19           232.01 School attendance.--

20           (2) The Miami-Dade school district shall conduct a  
21 2-year pilot program, beginning in the 2001-2002 school year,  
22 which shall require all children in that district who have  
23 attained the age of 5 years, who will have attained the age of  
24 5 years by February 1 of the current school year, or who are  
25 older than 5 years of age but who have not attained the age of  
26 16 years to attend school regularly during the entire school  
27 term. The Legislature shall appropriate to the Department of  
28 Education funds sufficient to carry out the provisions of this  
29 subsection. The requirements of this subsection shall be  
30 implemented only to the extent specifically funded in the  
31 General Appropriations Act.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Establishes a 2-year pilot program in the Miami-Dade school district in which the compulsory school attendance age will be lowered to include those children who have attained the age of 5 years by a certain date. Requires an appropriation. Limits implementation to the extent specifically funded in the General Appropriations Act.