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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to school attendance; amending s.
1003.21, F.S.; providing that a child is eligible for
admission to the first grade in a public school if the
child has attained the age of 6 years on or before
September 1 of the school year and has been enrolled
in a public school or has satisfactorily completed the
requirements for kindergarten in a private school
attended in the state; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
1003.21, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1003.21 School attendance.—

(1)

(b) A child is eligible for admission to the first grade in
a public school if the ~~Any child who~~ has:

1. Attained the age of 6 years on or before September 1 of
the school year and ~~who~~ has been enrolled in a public school; ~~or
who has attained the age of 6 years on or before September 1 and
has~~

2. Satisfactorily completed the requirements for
kindergarten in a private school attended in the state ~~from
which the district school board accepts transfer of academic
credit, or who otherwise meets the criteria for admission or
transfer in a manner similar to that applicable to other grades,
shall progress according to the district's student progression
plan.~~

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31 ~~However, nothing in~~ This paragraph does not ~~section shall~~
32 authorize the state or any school district to oversee or
33 exercise control over the curricula or academic programs of
34 private schools or home education programs.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.