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SENATE FILE 103

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the age of enrollment for kindergarten
 2 programs.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 282.3, subsection 2, unnumbered
2 paragraph 3, Code 2003, is amended to read as follows:

3 No child shall be admitted to school work for the year
4 immediately preceding the first grade unless either of the
5 following apply:

6 a. The child is five years of age on or before the
7 fifteenth-of September 15 of the current school year.

8 b. The child is five years of age on or before October 15
9 of the current school year and demonstrates to the
10 satisfaction of the admitting school district that the child
11 possesses the social, emotional, and cognitive skills
12 necessary to enter the school district's kindergarten program.
13 A school district may charge the parent or guardian of the
14 child who applies to enroll a child in accordance with this
15 paragraph a reasonable fee to cover the cost of assessing the
16 child's capabilities.

17 EXPLANATION

18 This bill permits a school district to admit to its
19 kindergarten program a child who is five years of age on or
20 before October 15 of the current school year if the child
21 demonstrates the prerequisite social, emotional, and cognitive
22 skills. The bill also authorizes the school district to
23 charge the child's parent or guardian a fee to cover the cost
24 of assessing the child's capabilities.

25 Under current Code, a school district cannot under any
26 circumstances admit a child to the kindergarten program unless
27 the child is five years of age on or before September 15.

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