

This bill would extend the exemption from mandatory kindergarten for children enrolled in licensed child care centers, registered family day care homes, or Head Start programs from July 1, 1994 to July 1, 1997, and alter the date by which the Maryland State Department of Education is required to submit a report on the impact on student readiness due to exemptions to mandatory kindergarten.

House Bill 815, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 2, 1994, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 339.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

Senate Bill No. 339

AN ACT concerning

Education – Mandatory Kindergarten – Exemptions – Continuation

FOR the purpose of extending the termination date on certain provisions of law relating to certain exemptions from attending kindergarten for children enrolled in licensed child care centers, registered family day care homes, and Head Start five year old programs; altering a certain date by which the State Department of Education must report on the readiness of children enrolled in certain child care programs to enter first grade; correcting an obsolete reference to a certain standing committee of the General Assembly; altering certain school years for which certain information must be reported; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to the continuation of exemptions from attending kindergarten for children enrolled in licensed child care centers, registered family day care homes, and Head Start five year old programs.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 463 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1991
Section 2 and 3

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Chapter 463 of the Acts of 1991

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State Department of Education shall submit a report on the effect of exempting a 5 year old child from kindergarten if the child is enrolled full-time in a licensed child care center or registered family day care home or part-time in a Head Start 5 year old program, on or before [July 1, 1994] OCTOBER 1, 1996 to the Senate Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House [Constitutional and Administrative Law] WAYS AND MEANS Committee. The report shall contain information on the number of 5 year old children enrolled full-time in a licensed child care center or registered family day care home or part-time in a Head Start 5 year old program for the school years ~~1992-1993~~ 1994-1995 and