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### An Act To Amend Minimum Age Eligibility for School Enrollment

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Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: PIERCE of Dresden, SIMMONS of Waldoboro, STEWART of Presque Isle.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4252, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 141, §3, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 **4. Programs for children 4 years of age and 5 years of age.** Encourage the  
5 development of public preschool programs or 2-year kindergartens ~~in conformity with~~  
6 ~~section 5201, subsection 2, paragraph C~~ and other appropriate programs to address the  
7 needs of children 4 years of age and 5 years of age;

8 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §5201, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 141, §12, is  
9 further amended to read:

10 **2. Minimum age.** ~~The following are~~ The school board of a school administrative  
11 unit shall establish the minimum ages age necessary for student enrollment in a the school  
12 administrative unit.

13 ~~B. A person who will be at least 5 years old on October 15th of the school year may~~  
14 ~~enroll in school.~~

15 ~~C. A person who will be at least 4 years of age on October 15th of the school year~~  
16 ~~may enroll in a public preschool program prior to kindergarten if it is offered.~~

17 A school board shall adopt rules to carry out this subsection.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill provides that school boards are responsible for establishing the minimum  
20 age necessary for student enrollment.