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SENATE BILL NO. 24

Introduced by: The Committee on Education at the request of the Department of Education
and Cultural Affairs

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to require kindergarten attendance.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 Section 1. That § 13-27-1 be amended to read as follows:

4 13-27-1. ~~Every~~ Any person having control of a child who is six years old by the first day of
5 September ~~and who has not exceeded the age of sixteen~~, shall cause the child to regularly and
6 annually attend ~~some~~ an accredited public or nonpublic school ~~for the entire term during which~~
7 ~~the public school in the district in which the person resides, or the school to which the child is~~
8 ~~assigned to attend, is in session, beginning with enrollment in kindergarten~~, until the child reaches
9 the age of sixteen years, unless excused as provided in this chapter.

10 ~~Any child under age six enrolled in any elementary school or kindergarten program is subject~~
11 ~~to the compulsory attendance statutes of this state.~~ A waiver of the compulsory attendance
12 requirement for children under the age of seven years of age shall be granted by the school
13 district upon the request of the parents.

14 Section 2. That § 13-28-2 be amended to read as follows:

15 13-28-2. Any child who is five years old on the first day of September is eligible for
16 enrollment in kindergarten during that school year. ~~Any child who is six years old by September~~

1 ~~first is eligible for enrollment in first grade during that school year.~~ Any child in a kindergarten
2 or prekindergarten program who was in compliance with the statutory eligibility dates in effect
3 at the time of ~~his~~ the child's enrollment may proceed in a continuous educational program
4 without interruption.

5 ~~Any child under the age of five is eligible for admittance to a nursery school.~~