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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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02/17/2015	.	
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The Committee on Community Affairs (Simpson) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 1863 and 1864

insert:

Section 31. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 1003.21, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1003.21 School attendance.—

(1)(a)1. All children who have attained the age of 6 years or who will have attained the age of 6 years by February 1 of any school year or who are older than 6 years of age but who



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11 have not attained the age of 16 years, except as otherwise
12 provided, are required to attend school regularly during the
13 entire school term.

14 2.a. Children who will have attained the age of 5 years on
15 or before September 1 of the school year are eligible for
16 admission to public kindergartens during that school year under
17 rules adopted by the district school board.

18 b. A district school board or charter school governing
19 board may adopt a policy that allows a child who has attained
20 the age of 4 years on or before September 1 of the school year
21 to be eligible for admission to public kindergarten during that
22 school year. The policy must include, but is not limited to, a
23 requirement that the child complete and pass the following
24 assessments:

25 (I) The kindergarten readiness assessment pursuant to s.
26 1002.69. The child must meet the minimum readiness rate adopted
27 pursuant to s. 1002.69(6); and

28 (II) A social assessment developed or selected by the
29 school district or charter school. The child must meet the
30 minimum readiness score identified in the district school
31 board's or charter school governing board's policy.

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33 And the title is amended as follows:

34 Delete line 90

35 and insert:

36 an early learning coalition; amending s. 1003.21,
37 F.S.; authorizing a district school board or charter
38 school governing board to adopt a policy to allow a
39 child to be admitted to a public kindergarten if the



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40 child meets certain requirements; requiring the Office
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