

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE  
BILL ANALYSIS**

**Bill Number:** CS/HB 193

**50th Legislature, 1st Session, 2011**

**Tracking Number:** .185673.1

**Short Title:** Birthday Deadline for Kindergarten Enrollment

**Sponsor(s):** Representative Rhonda S. King

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**HOUSE CONSUMER AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL 193**

**Bill Summary:**

Among its provisions, CS/HB 193 amends:

- the *Public School Finance Act* to clarify that a student who is at least five years old at any time on September 1<sup>st</sup> shall be accepted for kindergarten enrollment; and
- the *Pre-Kindergarten Act* to clarify that a student who is at least four years old at any time on September 1<sup>st</sup> shall be accepted for pre-kindergarten enrollment.

**Fiscal Impact:**

CS/HB 193 does not contain an appropriation.

**Substantive Issues:**

The bill analysis from the Public Education Department noted the following:

- Parents who have children that are born after 12:01 a.m. on September 1<sup>st</sup> have asked if there are exceptions to current statute to allow their child to be enrolled in kindergarten.
- School districts can accept these children but do so knowing they will not receive funding for these children.

**Technical Issues:**

CS/HB 193 resolves concerns on the original bill about alignment with pre-kindergarten eligibility.

**Related Bills:**

None as of February 28, 2011.