

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1994.

Approved May 2, 1994.

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**CHAPTER 312**

**(House Bill 815)**

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; altering the school years for which certain information is required to be reported; correcting an obsolete reference to a certain standing committee of the General Assembly; 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 and 1993-1994~~ 1994-1995 and 1995-1996; the qualifications of staff members working in licensed child care centers, registered family day care homes, and Head Start programs; the extent of in-service training of these staff members; the educational curriculum of these child care programs; the staff/child ratios in licensed child care centers, registered family day care homes, and Head Start programs; and the readiness of the children enrolled in these child care programs to enter first grade.