

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SKOUFIS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to allowing a board of education to require minors who are five years of age to attend kindergarten

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Paragraph c of subdivision 2 of section 3205 of the education law, as amended by chapter 277 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

2 c. The board of education [~~of the Syracuse city school district, the~~  
3 ~~board of education of the city school district of the city of New York,~~  
4 ~~the board of education of the city school district of the city of~~  
5 ~~Rochester, the board of education of the city school district of the~~  
6 ~~city of Utica, the board of education of the city school district of the~~  
7 ~~city of Buffalo the board of education of the city school district of~~  
8 ~~the city of Cohoes, the board of education of the city school district~~  
9 ~~of the city of Watervliet, and the board of education of the city school~~  
10 ~~district of the city of Yonkers are]~~ of every school district within the  
11 state is

12 hereby authorized to require minors who are five years of age  
13 on or before December first to attend kindergarten instruction. However,  
14 the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to:

15 (i) Minors whose parents elect not to enroll their children in school  
16 until the following September.

17 (ii) Students enrolled in non-public schools or in home instruction.

18 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.  
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EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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