

HB 1452 -- KINDERGARTEN

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The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education must develop a process and scoring guide that awards additional performance points to school districts that provide full-day kindergarten to students who qualify for free or reduced price lunch, students with individualized education programs, and students who are identified as at-risk, as specified in the bill.

Beginning in the 2015-16 school year, in the St. Louis and Kansas City school districts, the beginning mandatory school age will be five years of age, except for students who are home-schooled. By November 1, 2017, the department must report to the Joint Committee on Education on any effects of lowering the mandatory school age. This provision will sunset in six years.