



## 2022 South Dakota Legislature

# House Bill 1163

Introduced by: **Representative Olson**

1 **An Act to provide for the use of screening instruments in determining kindergarten**  
 2 **readiness.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1. That § 13-28-2 be AMENDED:**

5 ~~13-28-2. Any child who is five years old on the first day of September~~A child is  
 6 eligible for enrollment in kindergarten ~~during that school year if the child:~~

7 (1) Has reached the age of five on or before September first of the year of enrollment;

8 or

9 (2) Will reach the age of five on or before December thirty-first of the year of  
 10 enrollment and has demonstrated, by means of developmental and readiness  
 11 screening instruments, that the child has superior academic talents or abilities and  
 12 is socially and emotionally ready to begin kindergarten.

13 The screening instruments used under subdivision (2) of this section must be  
 14 approved by the Department of Education and administered by the school district in  
 15 which the child resides, at the request of the child's parent.

16 Any child who transfers from another state may proceed in a continuous  
 17 educational program without interruption.