

2022 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1163**AMENDMENT 1163C FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL**

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 **readiness for kindergarten**, by means of
11 developmental and readiness screening instruments, ~~that the child has superior~~
12 ~~academic talents or abilities and is socially and emotionally ready to begin~~
13 ~~kindergarten.~~

14 ~~The screening instruments used under subdivision (2) of this section must be~~
15 ~~approved by the Department of Education selected and administered by the school~~
16 ~~district in which the child resides, at the request of the child's parent or the nonpublic~~
17 ~~school to which the child seeks admission.~~

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