



## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2009 and 2010

HB5875

Introduced 2/10/2010, by Rep. Robert F. Flider

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/10-22.18

from Ch. 122, par. 10-22.18

Amends the School Code. In order to study the educational value of kindergartens in terms of student academic achievement, requires the State Board of Education to implement a pilot program in Decatur School District 61 in which kindergartens for the instruction of children between the ages of 4 and 6 years are established for all children of that age in the district. Provides that from appropriations for this purpose not to exceed \$250,000 per fiscal year, the State Board of Education shall provide funding for the pilot program, including covering the costs of the study and the necessary expenses of these kindergartens. Effective immediately.

LRB096 19390 NHT 34781 b

FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
5 10-22.18 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-22.18) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-22.18)

7 Sec. 10-22.18. Kindergartens. To establish kindergartens  
8 for the instruction of children between the ages of 4 and 6  
9 years, if in their judgment the public interest requires it,  
10 and to pay the necessary expenses thereof out of the school  
11 funds of the district. Upon petition of at least 50 parents or  
12 guardians of children between the ages of 4 and 6, residing  
13 within any school district and within one mile of the public  
14 school where such kindergarten is proposed to be established,  
15 the board of directors shall, if funds are available, establish  
16 a kindergarten in connection with the public school designated  
17 in the petition and maintain it as long as the annual average  
18 daily attendance therein is not less than 15. The board may  
19 establish a kindergarten with half-day attendance or with  
20 full-day attendance. If the board establishes full-day  
21 kindergarten, it shall also establish half-day kindergarten.

22 No one shall be employed to teach in a kindergarten who  
23 does not hold a certificate as provided by law.

1       In order to study the educational value of kindergartens in  
2       terms of student academic achievement, the State Board of  
3       Education shall implement a pilot program in Decatur School  
4       District 61 in which kindergartens for the instruction of  
5       children between the ages of 4 and 6 years are established for  
6       all children of that age in the district. These kindergartens  
7       may provide either half-day attendance or full-day attendance.  
8       From appropriations for this purpose not to exceed \$250,000 per  
9       fiscal year, the State Board of Education shall provide funding  
10       for the pilot program, including covering the costs of the  
11       study and the necessary expenses of these kindergartens.

12       (Source: P.A. 84-1308.)

13       Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
14       becoming law.