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S.B. No. 162

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the compulsory school attendance age.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 25.085(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Unless specifically exempted by Section 25.086, a child who is at least five [~~six~~] years of age, or who is younger than five [~~six~~] years of age and has previously been enrolled in prekindergarten or kindergarten [~~first grade~~], and who has not yet reached the child's 18th birthday shall attend school.

SECTION 2. Section 29.009, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 29.009. PUBLIC NOTICE CONCERNING PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES. Each school district shall develop a system to notify the population in the district with children who are at least three years of age but younger than five [~~six~~] years of age and who are eligible for enrollment in a special education program of the availability of the program.

SECTION 3. Section 25.085(c), Education Code, is repealed.

SECTION 4. This Act applies beginning with the 2005-2006 school year.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.