

1-1 By: Aycock, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Van de Putte) H.B. No. 3643  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 23, 2009;  
1-3 April 24, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Education; May 8, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 8, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to public school prekindergarten classes.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. Section 29.153, Education Code, is amended by  
1-11 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as  
1-12 follows:

1-13 (a) In this section:

1-14 (1) "Child" includes a stepchild.

1-15 (2) "Parent" includes a stepparent.

1-16 (a-1) A district shall offer prekindergarten classes if the  
1-17 district identifies 15 or more children who are eligible under  
1-18 Subsection (b) and are at least four years of age. A school  
1-19 district may offer prekindergarten classes if the district  
1-20 identifies 15 or more eligible children who are at least three years  
1-21 of age. A district may not charge tuition for a prekindergarten  
1-22 class offered under this section.

1-23 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2009-2010  
1-24 school year.

1-25 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-26 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-27 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-28 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-29 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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