

**HOUSE BILL NO. 88**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE B.DAVIS

Introduced: 1/17/95

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act changing the minimum school age from six years of age to five years  
2 of age; providing that a five year old child is entitled to attend a public school  
3 kindergarten; changing the ages at which a child is required to attend public  
4 school; relating to provision of educational opportunities; and providing for an  
5 effective date."

6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

7 \* **Section 1.** AS 14.03.070 is amended to read:

8           Sec. 14.03.070. SCHOOL AGE. A child who is **at least five** [SIX] years of  
9           age before August 15 following the beginning of the school year, and who is under the  
10          age of 20 and has not completed the 12th grade, is of school age.

11 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 14.03.080(d) is amended to read:

12           (d) A child who is five years of age before August 15 following the beginning  
13          of the school year **is entitled to** [, AND WHO IS UNDER SCHOOL AGE, MAY]

1 enter a public school kindergarten.

2 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 14.07.020(a)(12) is amended to read:

3 (12) provide educational opportunities in the areas of vocational  
4 education and training, and basic education to individuals over **18** [16] years of age  
5 who are no longer attending school;

6 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 14.30.010(a) is amended to read:

7 (a) Every child **who is at least five years of age before August 15 following**  
8 **the beginning of the school year and not more than 18** [BETWEEN SEVEN AND  
9 16] years of age shall attend school at the public school in the district in which the  
10 child resides during each school term. Every parent, guardian or other person having  
11 the responsibility for or control of a child **who is at least five years of age before**  
12 **August 15 following the beginning of the school year and not more than 18**  
13 [BETWEEN SEVEN AND 16] years of age shall maintain the child in attendance at  
14 a public school in the district in which the child resides during the entire school term,  
15 except as provided in (b) of this section.

16 \* **Sec. 5.** This Act takes effect July 1, 1995.