

HOUSE No. 04031

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, for the committee on Education, on House, No. 1909, a Bill relative to school attendance (House, No. 4031). April 11, 2012.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Twelve

An Act relative to school attendance.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 1B of chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 official edition, is hereby
2 amended by striking lines 110 to 113, inclusive, and inserting in its place thereof the following
3 paragraph:-

4 The board shall promulgate regulations establishing the permissible and mandatory ages for
5 school attendance provided that each child shall be required to attend an approved kindergarten
6 program in a public or private setting or in a community-based program licensed by the
7 department of early education and care. Said regulations shall include mandatory attendance
8 guidelines necessary for kindergarten completion. Said regulations shall include a process for
9 school districts or Commonwealth charter schools to provide exemptions for advanced students
10 to attend school beginning in first grade.