

1 S.34

2 Introduced by Senator Chittenden

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Education; legal pupil; kindergarten age

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit a
7 school district from denying kindergarten enrollment to a student who will
8 attain five years of age on or before January 1 next following the beginning of
9 a school year.

10 An act relating to kindergarten enrollment age

11 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

12 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 1073 is amended to read:

13 § 1073. "LEGAL PUPIL" DEFINED; ACCESS TO SCHOOL

14 (a) Definition. "Legal pupil" means an individual who has attained ~~the age~~
15 ~~of~~ five years of age on or before January 1 next following the beginning of the
16 school year. ~~However, a school district may require that students admitted to~~
17 ~~kindergarten have attained the age of five on or before any date between~~
18 ~~August 31 and January 1.~~

19 (b) Access to school.

1 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

2 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.