GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA 1997 SESSION

S.L. 1997-269 HOUSE BILL 1099

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE SCHOOL PRINCIPALS TO ADMIT CERTAIN GIFTED STUDENTS TO KINDERGARTEN REGARDLESS OF THEIR BIRTH DATES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 115C-364 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(d) A child who has passed the fourth anniversary of the child's birth on or before April 16 may enter kindergarten if the child is presented for enrollment no later than the end of the first month of the school year and if the principal of the school finds, based on information submitted by the child's parent or guardian, that the child is gifted and that the child has the maturity to justify admission to the school. The State Board of Education shall establish guidelines for the principal to use in making this finding."

Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 23rd day of June, 1997.

s/ Dennis A. Wicker President of the Senate

s/ Harold J. Brubaker Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ James B. Hunt, Jr. Governor

Approved 4:22 p.m. this 3rd day of July, 1997