

South Carolina Law

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Responsibility of parent or guardian; transportation for kindergarten pupils.

(A) A parent or guardian shall require his child to attend regularly a public or private school or kindergarten of this State which has been approved by the State Board of Education, a member school of the South Carolina Independent Schools' Association, a member school of the South Carolina Association of Christian Schools, or some similar organization, or a parochial, denominational, or church-related school, or other programs which have been approved by the State Board of Education from the school year in which the child is five years of age before September first until the child attains his seventeenth birthday or graduates from high school. A parent or guardian whose child is not six years of age on or before the first day of September of a particular school year may elect for their child or ward not to attend kindergarten. For this purpose, the parent or guardian shall sign a written document making the election with the governing body of the school district in which the parent or guardian resides. The form of this written document must be prescribed by regulation of the Department of Education. Upon the written election being executed, that child is not required to attend kindergarten.

(B) Each school district shall provide transportation to and from public school for all pupils enrolled in public kindergarten classes who request the transportation. Regulations of the State Board of Education governing the operation of school buses shall apply.

HISTORY: 1962 Code Section 21-757; 1967 (55) 181; 1979 Act No. 199, Part II Section 25; 1984 Act No. 512, Part II, Section 9, Division II, Subdivision A, SubPart 3, Section 2(C), (D); 1987 Act No. 29 Section 1; 1993 Act No. 164, Part II, Section 29C; 2012 Act No. 163, Section 1, eff May 14, 2012.

Effect of Amendment

The 2012 amendment rewrote subsection (A).