

Existing law authorizes public school boards to develop and offer prekindergarten instruction (pre-K). New law additionally grants this authority to approved nonpublic elementary schools and provides that the minimum age for pre-K entrance at such schools shall be three years old by Sept. 30 of the year of pre-K entrance. Further requires the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, in consultation with the Nonpublic School Commission, to adopt rules and regulations to protect the health and safety of three-year-old children who attend pre-K at such schools.

Existing law requires public school boards, prior to implementing a pre-K program, to set forth a statement of needs the program is intended to address, anticipated results, and basis upon which such results are expected, an outline of implementation steps, a plan for staff usage, a budget, and a plan for results evaluation. New law applies this same requirement to approved nonpublic elementary schools.

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