CHAPTER 491—H.F.No.70

An act relating to education; general powers of independent school districts; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 123.35, Subdivision 9.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1.   Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 123.35, Subdivision 9, is amended to read:

Subd. 9.   **EDUCATION; INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS; POWERS.** The board may establish and maintain one or more kindergartens for the instruction of children ~~above four, and under six, years of age, provided that after September 1, 1971~~ and after July 1, 1974, shall provide kindergarten instruction for all eligible children, either in the district or in another district. All children to be eligible for kindergarten must be at least five years of age on September 1 of the calendar year in which the school year commences.   In addition all children selected under an early admissions policy established by the school board may be admitted. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a school district from establishing head start, pre-kindergarten, or nursery school classes for children below kindergarten age.   Any school board with evidence that providing kindergarten will cause an extraordinary hardship on the school district may apply to the commissioner of education for an exception.

Approved May 21, 1973.

CHAPTER 492—H.F.No.308

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to the organization and operation of the state government; creating a department of finance; transferring the powers of the public examiner to the state auditor; creating a legislative audit commission and legislative auditor; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Sections 6.21; 9.031, by adding a subdivision; 11.10, Subdivisions 1 and 2; 16.141, Subdivisions 2 and 3; 16.16, Subdivisions 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 8a; 215.04; 215.05; 215.06; 215.07; 215.08; and 215.09; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1971, Sections 16.02, Subdivisions 11 and 12; 215.02; and 215.18.

Changes or additions indicated by underline, deletions by ~~strikeout~~.