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Dear Senator Smith,

On February 25, 2013 NHN requested that SB 182 be amended and we submitted suggested language. As we testified, our first preference would be to ask that SB 182 be amended to not change the compulsory attendance age from 7 to 5. The great majority of children already attend school at age 5, with a minority of parents who feel their children are not ready yet and are willing to go the extra mile to keep them at home.

If the legislature decides to make 5 the compulsory age, we then request the following amendment allowing for an exemption. This is a change from our original amendment request.

SB 182 – Amendment Request

36 Sec. 8. NRS 392.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:
37 392.040 1. Except as otherwise provided by law, each parent,
38 custodial parent, guardian or other person in the State of Nevada
39 having control or charge of any child between the ages of ~~7~~5 and
40 18 years shall send the child to a public school during all the time
41 the public school is in session in the school district in which the
42 child resides unless the child has graduated from high school.
43 2. A child who is 5 years of age on or before September 30 of a
44 school year ~~may~~ must be admitted to kindergarten at the beginning
45 of that school year, and the child's enrollment must be counted for
1 purposes of apportionment. If a child is not 5 years of age on or
2 before September 30 of a school year, the child must not be
3 admitted to kindergarten.

[Older #3 deleted, #4 will become the new #3 as follows]

3. The parents, custodial parent, guardian or other person within the State of Nevada having control or charge of a child who is *under the age of 7* ~~[6 years of age on or before September 30 of a school year]~~ may elect ~~[for]~~ *to delay attendance in school until the child turns 7 years of age on or before September 30 of a school year.* ~~[not to attend kindergarten or the first grade during that year]~~. The parents, custodial parent, guardian or other person who makes such an election shall file with the board of trustees of the appropriate school district a *one-time waiver of attendance on behalf of the child and the child shall be deemed exempt from mandatory attendance until September 30 of the year the child turns age 7. The parent may at any time between the ages of 5 and 7 choose to enroll the child in school.* ~~[in a form prescribed by the board.]~~

Sincerely,

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