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maybe bright, were not mature enough to really benefit. We began address of the issue by just looking at the beginning age for kindergarten. We later, in discussions and through the committee and outside the committee, have modified that now so that we're also looking at the upper end of the age range in kindergarten, and I think that is hopefully depicted on the charts. Now, Senator Chambers, I think, makes a valid point and points out one of the difficulties you encounter. I think you probably don't do a youngster a favor by admitting them to kindergarten at an age where they're not really able to effectively engage the material being offered. And it is the case that the material being offered has become more advanced than it was a number of years ago. On the other hand, his point is that if you have, or I don't want to say his point for him, obviously, but as I understand his point, is that if you have children that are young but are able to master the material or find themselves in a situation where, compared to other alternatives available to them, attendance in kindergarten would be a desirable alternative, the most desirable alternative, I should say, then he feels that it's important that they not be frozen out of that option. Now I will tell you, in terms of the beginning age for kindergarteners, currently anyone who is five before...on or before October 15, excuse me, is five...well, yeah, you have to be five by October 15, then you are guaranteed admittance. There is an optional period for the school system to decide if they want to admit younger children, children who are five at a later date, all the way up to February 15. And, again, that is a part of current statute. We're moving the October 15 date back to September 1. So we're taking...we're adding six weeks to the minimum age, if you will, that is without option of the school district. And then we're taking six weeks off of the upper end of the optional end as well. Again, keep in mind that a school system is not required to admit one of those younger children. They have the option.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR RAIKES: They do have to offer and...or the requirement in statute is that those kids be assessed and then, pending the result of the assessment, the school district may decide to offer them. But the real issue here, as I understand it, is the