HOUSE BILL REPORT HB 1901

As Reported by House Committee On:

State Government, Elections & Information Technology

Title: An act relating to recognizing the month of September as the month of the kindergartener.

Brief Description: Recognizing the month of September as the month of the kindergartener.

Sponsors: Representatives Griffey, MacEwen, Dent and Doglio.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

State Government, Elections & Information Technology: 2/10/17, 2/15/17 [DP], 1/30/18 [DP].

Brief Summary of Bill

• Declares September as the month of the kindergartener.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, ELECTIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 9 members: Representatives Hudgins, Chair; Dolan, Vice Chair; McDonald, Ranking Minority Member; Kraft, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Appleton, Gregerson, Irwin, Johnson and Pellicciotti.

Staff: Travis Yonker (786-7383).

Background:

The state common school system includes public educational programming for children from kindergarten through twelfth grade. The school year generally begins in September and ends in June. Beginning in the 2008-09 school year, the state began phasing in all-day kindergarten classes, starting with schools with a high percentage of low-income families. Full implementation is due in the 2017-18 school year.

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September is declared the month of the kindergartener. Every elementary school is encouraged to celebrate the beginning of each kindergartener's life in education.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the

bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

See House Bill Report in the 2017 Legislative Session.

Persons Testifying:

See House Bill Report in the 2017 Legislative Session.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:

See House Bill Report in the 2017 Legislative Session.