

House Bill 262

By: Representatives Martin of the 47th and Stephens of the 164th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for a full-day kindergarten program for
3 a minimum of 170 days per school year; to provide a short title; to change the minimum
4 number of required days in a school year for public elementary and secondary schools to 170
5 days; to change certain provisions relating to the base pay of school food and nutrition
6 personnel for purposes of conformity; to change certain provisions relating to a residential
7 high school program for gifted youth for purposes of conformity; to change the definition of
8 "school year" relating to teacher contracts for purposes of conformity; to provide for related
9 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

11 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

12 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Flexibility for Excellence in Education
13 Act."

14 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

15 Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and
16 secondary education, is amended in Code Section 20-2-151, relating to general and career
17 education programs, by revising subparagraph (b)(1)(A) as follows:

18 "(1)(A) All local school systems shall offer a full-day kindergarten program. For
19 purposes of this subsection, the term 'full-day basis' means a student is provided
20 classroom instruction for a minimum of four and one-half hours daily for a 180 day
21 school year or for the equivalent number of hours for a school year of 170 or more
22 days."

