

## House Bill 193

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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 180 day school year or the  
3 equivalent thereof; to revise a provision relating to a full-day kindergarten program; to revise  
4 certain provisions relating to the base pay of school food and nutrition personnel; to revise  
5 a provision relating to the residential high school program for gifted youth; to revise the  
6 definition of the term "school year" relating to teacher contracts; to provide for related  
7 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

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

13 "(1)(A) All local school systems shall offer a full-day kindergarten program. For  
14 purposes of this subsection, the term 'full-day ~~basis~~ kindergarten program' means a  
15 student is provided classroom instruction for a minimum of four and one-half hours  
16 daily for a 180 day school year, or the equivalent thereof."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 20-2-168, relating to distribution of federal  
19 funds, combined purchase of supplies and equipment, minimum school year, summer school  
20 programs, and year-round operation, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (c) as follows:

21 "(c)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this Code section, public elementary and  
22 secondary schools of this state receiving state aid under this article shall provide each  
23 eligible student with access to no less than 180 school days of education each fiscal year,  
24 or the equivalent thereof as determined in accordance with State Board of Education  
25 guidelines. The State Board of Education shall define a school year, which shall be no

26 less than 180 days of instruction in accordance with the provisions of this subsection, or  
 27 the equivalent thereof; shall define the length of the school day, based on a 180 day  
 28 school year, and equivalent lengths; and shall provide that all public elementary and  
 29 secondary schools may be closed for instruction on November 11 of each year as  
 30 determined by each local board of education to enable students, teachers, and  
 31 administrators to participate in Veterans Day programs to honor veterans of the armed  
 32 forces."

### 33 SECTION 3.

34 Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 20-2-187, relating to state-wide school  
 35 lunch program, instruction in nutrition, hygiene, etiquette, and social graces, and school food  
 36 and nutrition, by amending paragraph (2) of subsection (c) as follows:

37 "(2) The base payment shall be calculated on the basis of ~~an annual number of hours (190~~  
 38 ~~days multiplied by eight hours)~~ 1,520 hours in an annual school year for a full-time  
 39 equivalent school lunch position, multiplied by an amount not less than \$161.00 per  
 40 month for 12 months. Future annual increases in the base payment shall reflect the same  
 41 percentage increase provided by the state for other state funded positions. The state  
 42 board shall annually establish a state performance standard and shall determine the  
 43 number of full-time equivalent school lunch positions needed to plan, prepare, and serve  
 44 meals based on the state performance standard and the average daily number of student  
 45 lunches served during the preceding school year."

### 46 SECTION 4.

47 Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 20-2-306, relating to honors program and  
 48 residential high school program, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

49 "(b) The State Board of Education is authorized to inaugurate and operate a residential  
 50 high school program for highly gifted and talented youth of this state. This residential high  
 51 school program shall consist only of students in the eleventh and twelfth grades.  
 52 Enrollment shall be by student application and on a voluntary basis; provided, however,  
 53 that the parent or legal guardian of each student must have signed an agreement authorizing  
 54 enrollment in this program. This program shall be operated during the normal school year  
 55 for a minimum of 180 days, or the equivalent thereof as determined in accordance with  
 56 State Board of Education guidelines, in cooperation with one or more of the state  
 57 universities or colleges from funds provided by the General Assembly. The state board is  
 58 authorized to enter into cooperative agreements with the Board of Regents of the  
 59 University System of Georgia concerning the operation and sharing of costs of this

60 program. The state board shall prescribe policy, regulations, standards, and criteria as  
61 needed for the effective operation of this program."

62 **SECTION 5.**

63 Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 20-2-942, relating to procedure for  
64 nonrenewal after acceptance by teacher of school year contract for fourth consecutive school  
65 year, procedure for nonrenewal by another local board of education, professional certificated  
66 personnel, rights of school administrators, and tenure, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection  
67 (a) as follows:

68 "(2) 'School year' means a period of at least 180 school days, or the equivalent thereof  
69 as determined in accordance with State Board of Education guidelines, beginning in or  
70 about September and ending in or about June."

71 **SECTION 6.**

72 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.