

The Senate Education and Youth Committee offered the following substitute to HB 193:

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 as determined in accordance
17 with State Board of Education guidelines."

18 **SECTION 2.**

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

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

26 guidelines. The State Board of Education shall define a school year, which shall be no
 27 less than 180 days of instruction in accordance with the provisions of this subsection, or
 28 the equivalent thereof; shall define the length of the school day, based on a 180 day
 29 school year, and equivalent lengths; and shall provide that all public elementary and
 30 secondary schools may be closed for instruction on November 11 of each year as
 31 determined by each local board of education to enable students, teachers, and
 32 administrators to participate in Veterans Day programs to honor veterans of the armed
 33 forces."

34 SECTION 3.

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

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

47 SECTION 4.

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

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

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

63 **SECTION 5.**

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

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

72 **SECTION 6.**

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