

House Bill 1097

By: Representatives Dollar of the 45<sup>th</sup>, Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>, Wilkinson of the 52<sup>nd</sup>, Lindsey of the 54<sup>th</sup>, Kaiser of the 59<sup>th</sup>, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-168 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 minimum school year and other matters, so as to provide requirements for the start date of  
3 a school year; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
4 purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Code Section 20-2-168 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the minimum  
8 school year and other matters, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (c) as  
9 follows:

10 "(c)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this Code section, public elementary and  
11 secondary schools of this state receiving state aid under this article may provide each  
12 eligible student with access to no less than 180 school days of education each fiscal year,  
13 or the equivalent thereof as determined in accordance with State Board of Education  
14 guidelines. The State Board of Education shall define a school year, which shall be no  
15 less than 180 days of instruction in accordance with the provisions of this subsection, or  
16 the equivalent thereof; shall define the length of the school day, based on a 180 day  
17 school year, and equivalent lengths; and shall provide that all public elementary and  
18 secondary schools, beginning in the 2010-2011 school year, may be closed for instruction  
19 on November 11 of each year to enable students, teachers, and administrators to  
20 participate in Veterans Day programs to honor veterans of the armed forces. Local  
21 boards of education shall adopt a school year calendar that in no event shall commence  
22 the first day of instruction of a school year prior to the third full week of August. For  
23 purposes of this paragraph, Sunday shall be considered the first day of the week."

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

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.