

House Bill 807

By: Representatives Taylor of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Ashe of the 56<sup>th</sup>, Stephens of the 161<sup>st</sup>, Evans of the 40<sup>th</sup>, Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to school attendance in elementary and secondary education, so as to  
3 enact the "Dropout Deterrent Act"; to provide for a short title; to revise the age of mandatory  
4 education; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting  
5 laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Dropout Deterrent Act."

9 **SECTION 2.**

10 Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
11 relating to school attendance in elementary and secondary education, is amended by revising  
12 subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-690.1, relating to mandatory education for children, as  
13 follows:

14 "(a) Mandatory attendance in a public school, private school, or home school program shall  
15 be required for children between their sixth and ~~sixteenth~~ seventeenth birthdays. Such  
16 mandatory attendance shall not be required where the child has successfully completed all  
17 requirements for a high school diploma."

18 **SECTION 3.**

19 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2012.

20 **SECTION 4.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.