

Senate Bill 21 - Prefile

By: Senator James of the 35th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-690.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 mandatory education for children between ages six and 16, so as to change the ages of  
3 mandatory education; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

6 Code Section 20-2-690.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mandatory  
7 education for children between ages six and 16, is amended by revising subsection (a) as  
8 follows:

9 "(a) Mandatory attendance in a public school, private school, or home school program shall  
10 be required for children between their ~~sixth~~ fifth and ~~sixteenth~~ seventeenth birthdays. Such  
11 mandatory attendance shall not be required where the child is not eligible for enrollment  
12 under Code Section 20-2-150; has successfully completed all requirements for a high  
13 school diploma, a general educational development (GED) diploma, a special diploma, or  
14 a certificate of high school completion; is enrolled in an adult literacy program,  
15 postsecondary technical school, or adult vocational center; or provides a signed agreement  
16 between the student and the student's parent or guardian and from the student's principal  
17 or the superintendent of the student's school system which states that the student has  
18 enrolled in a certified general educational development program."

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

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.