

House Bill 948

By: Representatives Stephens of the 165th, Gordon of the 163rd, Bryant of the 162nd, Stephens of the 164th, Hitchens of the 161st, and others

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, so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by
3 local law for mandatory attendance until age 17 within a local school system; to provide for
4 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

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

9 "(a) Mandatory attendance in a public school, private school, or home school program shall
10 be required for children between their sixth and sixteenth birthdays; provided, however,
11 that the General Assembly may, by local law, require mandatory attendance for children
12 between their sixth and seventeenth birthdays within a local school system. Such
13 mandatory attendance shall not be required where the child has successfully completed all
14 requirements for a high school diploma."

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

16 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.