

House Bill 1006

By: Representatives Morgan of the 39th, Dudgeon of the 25th, Nix of the 69th, Stovall of the 74th, Fludd of the 64th, 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 for seat-time waivers for high
3 school students who complete online course work prior to the end of a semester or quarter;
4 to provide for 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 20-2-168 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; and shall define the length of the school day, based on a 180 day
17 school year, and equivalent lengths; and shall provide, however, that a local board of
18 education may request a waiver from the state board pursuant to Code Section 20-2-244
19 from a strict application of seat-time requirements for high school students in the local
20 school system who complete online course work prior to the end of the school semester
21 or quarter. Any such waiver request shall contain an assurance that any applicable
22 end-of-course assessment shall be administered in the same manner as for all other
23 students enrolled in such course. The state board shall also provide that all public
24 elementary and secondary schools, beginning in the 2010-2011 school year, may be
25 closed for instruction on November 11 of each year to enable students, teachers, and

26 administrators to participate in Veterans Day programs to honor veterans of the armed
27 forces."

28 **SECTION 2.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.