

The House Committee on Education offers the following substitute to HB 1006:

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 flexibility 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 **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 the state board  
18 shall allow by rule for flexibility from seat-time requirements for high school students in  
19 the local school system who complete online course work prior to the end of the school  
20 semester or quarter if such students successfully demonstrate subject area competency  
21 on state approved or adopted assessment instruments. The state board shall also provide  
22 that all public elementary and secondary schools, beginning in the 2010-2011 school  
23 year, may be closed for instruction on November 11 of each year to enable students,  
24 teachers, and administrators to participate in Veterans Day programs to honor veterans  
25 of the armed forces."

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**SECTION 2.**

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.