

## Senate Bill 56

By: Senators Fort of the 39th, Jackson of the 2nd, Lucas of the 26th, Butler of the 55th, Davenport of the 44th 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 between ages six and 16, so as to raise the age of  
3 mandatory attendance; to provide for an effective date and applicability; 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 between ages six and 16, is amended by revising subsection (a) as  
9 follows:

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

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

15 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2016, and shall apply beginning in school year  
16 2016-2017.

17 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 3.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.