

House Bill 476

By: Representatives Stovall of the 74th, Stephens of the 164th, Belton of the 112th, and Jones of the 25th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Subpart 2 of Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of
2 Georgia Annotated, relating to compulsory attendance for students in elementary and
3 secondary education, so as to provide that child entertainer students performing during one
4 or more school days shall not be counted absent from school; to provide for a definition; to
5 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Subpart 2 of Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
9 Annotated, relating to compulsory attendance for students in elementary and secondary
10 education, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

11 "20-2-692.3.

12 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'child entertainer student' means a child under
13 18 years of age who is employed as an actor or performer in motion pictures or theatrical
14 productions, in radio or television productions, or in any other performance, concert, or
15 entertainment; in the making of phonographic records; or as an advertising or photographic
16 model, in accordance with Chapter 2 of Title 39, relating to the regulation of employment
17 of minors.

18 (b) A child entertainer student who is performing during one or more school days shall be
19 counted as present by the school and shall not be counted as absent, either excused or
20 unexcused, for any day, portion of a day, or days missed from school, so long as the child's
21 parent or guardian provides a receipt of paperwork from the entertainment employer that
22 completes a form provided by the Department of Labor for such purposes."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.