

Senate Bill 126

By: Senators Dixon of the 45th, Hickman of the 4th, Dolezal of the 27th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Payne of the 54th and others

**AS PASSED SENATE**

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT**

To amend Code Section 20-2-2096.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to the "Completion Special Schools Act," so as to lower the age of eligibility from 18 to 16 for certain students to be enrolled in a completion special school; to revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Code Section 20-2-2096.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to the "Completion Special Schools Act," is amended by revising paragraphs (5) and (6) as follows:

"(5) 'Dropout' means an individual 16 years of age or older who previously dropped out of school according to the uniform definition of 'dropout' provided for in subsection (f) of Code Section 20-14-33.

(6) 'Enrollment eligible student' means:

(A) An individual ~~18~~ 16 years of age or older who is eligible for enrollment in appropriate education programs as provided in subsection (a) of Code

17 Section 20-2-150, who meets the definition of dropout provided in paragraph (5) of this  
18 Code section, and who is not currently enrolled in a public school in this state; or  
19 (B) An individual who is attending a United States Department of Defense Youth  
20 Challenge Academy or who is in the custody of a correctional facility, detention  
21 facility, jail, prison, or other lawful place of confinement for the period of such  
22 attendance or custody."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.