

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth offered the following substitute to SB 589:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-150, relating to eligibility for enrollment, program assignments  
2 for students, and student social security numbers, so as to provide for parents and guardians  
3 to elect for their children who have attained the age of four or five to be enrolled in a  
4 voluntary pre-kindergarten program provided and operated as part of Georgia's Pre-K  
5 Program; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to  
6 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 20-2-150, relating to eligibility for enrollment, program assignments for  
10 students, and student social security numbers, is amended by adding a new subsection to read  
11 as follows:

12 "(b.1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, each child who attains  
13 the age of either four or five by September 1 shall be eligible for enrollment in a voluntary  
14 pre-kindergarten program provided and operated as part of Georgia's Pre-K Program, and  
15 each such child shall be enrolled in such program at the request of his or her parent or  
16 guardian; provided, however, that this paragraph shall not be construed or applied to

17 require or permit a child to be enrolled in such a program for more than one year; and,  
18 provided, further that children ages four and five shall be treated on the same basis relative  
19 to selection for available seats in such programs."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026, and shall apply to all school years beginning  
22 with the 2026-2027 school year.

23 **SECTION 3.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.