

House Bill 139

By: Representatives Stephens of the 165th and Thomas of the 56th

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 in elementary and secondary
3 education, so as to enact the "Dropout Deterrent Act"; to provide for a short title; to revise
4 the age of mandatory education; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date
5 and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Dropout Deterrent Act."

9 **SECTION 2.**

10 Subpart 2 of Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
11 Annotated, relating to compulsory attendance in elementary and secondary education, is
12 amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-690.1, relating to mandatory
13 education for children, as follows:

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

18 **SECTION 3.**

19 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2015, and shall apply beginning in the 2015-2016
20 school year.

21 **SECTION 4.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.