

Senate Bill 241

By: Senators Hickman of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Dixon of the 45<sup>th</sup>, Gooch of the 51<sup>st</sup>, Kennedy of the 18<sup>th</sup>,  
Summers of the 13<sup>th</sup> 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 the ages of six and 16, so as to lower the starting  
3 age for compulsory education attendance from six years to five years of age; 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 the ages of six and 16, is amended by revising subsection (a)  
9 as follows:

10 "(a) Mandatory attendance in a public school, private school, or home school program shall  
11 be required for children between their ~~sixth~~ fifth and sixteenth birthdays. Such mandatory  
12 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15 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.