

Senate Bill 360

By: Senators Hickman of the 4th, Dixon of the 45th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Anderson of the 24th and others

AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-260 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 capital outlay funds in elementary and secondary education, so as to provide that capital
3 outlay funds may be used for educational facilities for voluntary pre-kindergarten programs
4 provided by the school system; to provide that student projection counts may include
5 pre-kindergarten; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 20-2-260 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to capital outlay
10 funds in elementary and secondary education, is amended by revising paragraph (5) of
11 subsection (b) and subsection (m) as follows:

12 "(5) 'Educational facilities' shall include buildings, fixtures, and equipment necessary for
13 the effective and efficient operation of the program of public education required by this
14 article and of any voluntary pre-kindergarten programs provided by the local school
15 system, which, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, shall include: classrooms;
16 libraries; rooms and space for physical education; space for fine arts; restrooms;

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17 specialized laboratories; cafeterias; media centers; building equipment; building fixtures;
18 furnishings; career, technical, and agricultural education labs and facilities to support
19 industry credentialing; related exterior facilities; landscaping and paving; and similar
20 items which the State Board of Education may determine necessary. The following
21 facilities are specifically excluded: swimming pools, tracks, stadiums, and other facilities
22 or portions of facilities used primarily for athletic competition and the central and area
23 administrative offices of local units of administration."

24 "(m) The State Board of Education shall implement a computerized student projection
25 program for each school system in Georgia as a component of the state-wide
26 comprehensive educational information system. The program shall be used in this
27 subsection to forecast facility needs in each system by projecting full-time equivalent
28 student counts for each grade level and shall be written in the educational facilities survey.
29 The projection program methodology at least must correlate live-birth data to full-time
30 equivalent student counts and project full-time equivalent student counts for each of the
31 grades, including kindergarten, for each of the next five years using cohort survival and
32 may include projected student counts for voluntary pre-kindergarten programs provided or
33 anticipated to be provided by the school system."

34 **SECTION 2.**

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