

House Bill 936

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Dollar of the 45th, Thomas of the 39th, Henson of the 86th, and Fleming of the 121st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-168 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 minimum school year and other matters, so as to provide that a school year shall not begin
3 prior to the third week in August; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;
4 and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 20-2-168 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the minimum
8 school year and other matters, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (c) as
9 follows:

10 "(c)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this Code section, public elementary and
11 secondary schools of this state receiving state aid under this article may provide each
12 eligible student with access to no less than 180 school days of education each fiscal year,
13 or the equivalent thereof as determined in accordance with State Board of Education
14 guidelines. The State Board of Education shall define a school year, which shall be no
15 less than 180 days of instruction in accordance with the provisions of this subsection, or
16 the equivalent thereof; shall define the length of the school day, based on a 180 day
17 school year, and equivalent lengths; and shall provide that all public elementary and
18 secondary schools, beginning in the 2010-2011 school year, may be closed for instruction
19 on November 11 of each year to enable students, teachers, and administrators to
20 participate in Veterans Day programs to honor veterans of the armed forces. No local
21 board of education shall adopt a school year calendar that commences prior to the third
22 week of August; provided, however, that this shall not apply to schools that have
23 year-round operation in accordance with subsection (e) of this Code section."

24 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.