

The House Committee on Education offers the following substitute to HB 941:

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 certain voluntary pre-kindergarten  
4 programs provided by the school system; to provide that student projection counts may  
5 include pre-kindergarten; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
6 other 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 and operated by the  
15 local school system as part of Georgia's Pre-K Program, which, without limiting the  
16 generality of the foregoing, shall include: classrooms; libraries; rooms and space for

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

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

36 **SECTION 2.**

37 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.