

Senate Bill 24

By: Senator McKoon of the 29th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to early
2 care and learning, so as to provide that certain nursery schools, playschools, kindergarten
3 programs, and other educational programs are exempt from licensure; to provide for related
4 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 Chapter 1A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to early care and
8 learning, is amended in Code Section 20-1A-14, relating to variances and waivers to
9 regulatory requirements of the Department of Early Care and Learning, by revising
10 subsection (b) as follows:

11 "(b) The department may exempt classes of programs from regulation when, in the
12 department's judgment, regulation would not permit the purpose intended or the class of
13 programs is subject to similar requirements under other rules and regulations. Such
14 exemptions shall be provided in rules and regulations promulgated by the board; provided,
15 however, that nursery schools, playschools, kindergarten programs, or other educational
16 programs for children from age zero through six years old which operate for no more than
17 four consecutive hours per day and up to five days per week shall be exempt from licensure
18 pursuant to this article."

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

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.