

Senate Bill 43

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, James of the 35th, Tate of the 38th, Harbison of the 15th,
Fort of the 39th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-1A-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 powers and duties of the Department of Early Care and Learning, so as to require that
3 Georgia's Pre-K Program include at least 180 school days; to require that all eligible
4 four-year-olds are served; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 20-1A-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the powers and
9 duties of the Department of Early Care and Learning, is amended by revising paragraph (1)
10 as follows:

11 "(1) To administer such programs and services as may be necessary for the operation and
12 management of voluntary pre-kindergarten, which shall be known as 'Georgia's Pre-K
13 Program'; provided, however, that beginning no later than school year 2013-2014, such
14 program shall include at least 180 school days. The board shall define the length of a
15 school day. The program shall serve all eligible four-year-old children who apply for the
16 program."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.