

Senate Bill 57

By: Senators James of the 35th, Jones of the 10th and Seay of the 34th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-690.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 mandatory education for children between ages six and 16, so as to provide a short title; to
3 change the ages of mandatory education; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

5 **SECTION 1.**

6 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Universal Kindergarten Mandate For Early
7 Starts Act."

8 **SECTION 2.**

9 Code Section 20-2-690.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mandatory
10 education for children between ages six and 16, is amended by revising subsection (a) as
11 follows:

12 "(a) Mandatory attendance in a public school, private school, or home school program shall
13 be required for children between their ~~sixth~~ fifth and sixteenth birthdays. Such mandatory
14 attendance shall not be required where the child is not eligible for enrollment under Code
15 Section 20-2-150 or has successfully completed all requirements for a high school
16 diploma."

17 **SECTION 3.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.