

House Bill 1292 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to  
2 prohibit students who participate in 4-H sponsored activities or programs from being counted  
3 as absent from school, subject to certain conditions; to provide for such conditions; to  
4 provide for related matters; to provide for a definition; to provide for an effective date; to  
5 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended in  
9 Subpart 2 of Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2, relating to compulsory attendance, by adding  
10 a new Code section to read as follows:

11 "20-2-692.3.

12 (a) A student who participates in an activity or program sponsored by 4-H shall be credited  
13 as present by the school in which enrolled in the same manner as an educational field trip,  
14 and such participation in an activity or program sponsored by 4-H shall not be counted as  
15 an absence, either excused or unexcused, for any day, portion of a day, or days missed from  
16 school.

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17 (b) Upon request from a school principal or the principal's designee, a 4-H representative  
18 shall provide documentation as proof of a student's participation in an activity or program  
19 sponsored by 4-H. As used in this subsection, the term '4-H representative' means an  
20 individual officially recognized or designated by the University of Georgia Extension 4-H  
21 Program as a 4-H professional or a 4-H adult volunteer."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
24 without such approval.

25 **SECTION 3.**

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.