

● **COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE LAW**

STATUTORY CITATION: Ga. Code §§ 20-2-690 – 20-2-703

GENERAL SUMMARY: With few exceptions, every parent, guardian or other resident of the state who has control or charge of any child between the ages of 6 and 16 must enroll and send the child to a public school, a private school, or a home study program that meets state-prescribed educational requirements.

PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO AGRICULTURE: The compulsory attendance law applies to children and their parents or guardians without regard to occupational status or classification.

ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

PRIMARY ENFORCEMENT AGENCY — This law is enforced by county and independent school system boards of education and their respective superintendents, in cooperation with local peace officers. Any parent, guardian or other person who has control of a child and who fails to assure the child's school attendance as required by law is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, is subject to a fine, imprisonment or both.

SECONDARY OR ASSOCIATED ENFORCEMENT AGENCY — *None.*