

Senate Bill 384

By: Senator Jackson of the 50th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 elementary and secondary education, so as to change the method for calculating funding for
3 certain after-school programs for students who have previously dropped out of school and
4 students who have previously failed courses in a regular day time school; to provide for
5 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and
9 secondary education, is amended by striking Code Section 20-2-256, relating to joint
10 after-school programs for at-risk students, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

11 "20-2-256.

12 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

13 (1) 'After-school program' means any academic program conducted after regular school
14 hours to serve only:

15 (A) Students ~~students~~ who have previously dropped out of school;

16 (B) Students ~~or students~~ who are in a regular day time school who have previously
17 failed courses; or

18 (C) A combination of students described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph and
19 subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.

20 (2) 'Course' means an instructional course for which a program count is permissible
21 under Code Section 20-2-160.

22 (3) 'FTE' or 'full-time equivalency' means the program cost obtained under the method
23 described in paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-160.

24 (4) 'Student' means a person who is otherwise eligible to be included in a program count
25 under Code Section 20-2-160.

- 1 (b) Three or more local school systems which jointly establish any after-school program
2 for at-risk students shall be eligible to receive a state grant, ~~not to exceed \$175,000.00 per~~
3 ~~year,~~ which is equal to the amount of direct instructional costs which would be earned by
4 ~~such~~ students described in subparagraph (a)(1)(B) of this Code section if they were enrolled
5 in equivalent courses in the remedial education program during the school day and counted
6 as FTE students under the method described in paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Code
7 Section 20-2-160. ~~No student in the after-school program who is actually included in a~~
8 ~~regular after-school FTE program count pursuant to Code Section 20-2-160 may be~~
9 ~~counted in determining the amount of a grant under this Code section.~~
- 10 (c) The FTE count for students described in subparagraph (a)(1)(A) of this Code section
11 shall be funded at the weight and teacher-student ratio specified for alternative education
12 programs in paragraph (18) of subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-161.
- 13 (d) The State Board of Education is directed to prescribe a method of determining full-time
14 equivalency of such programs in keeping with paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Code
15 Section 20-2-160 and shall calculate the funds needed for such programs as part of its
16 annual budget request."

17 **SECTION 2.**

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