

House Bill 1483

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 14 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 Education Coordinating Council, so as to provide for exemption from certain obligations for  
3 public schools receiving specified ratings; to provide for a short title; to provide for  
4 exceptions; to provide for the duration of such exemption; to provide for continued control  
5 by the local board of education; to provide for construction regarding funding; to provide for  
6 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 14 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Education  
10 Coordinating Council, is amended by inserting a new Code section to be designated Code  
11 Section 20-14-42 to read as follows:

12 "20-14-42.

13 (a) This Code section shall be known as the 'Excellence in Academic Achievement Act:  
14 Straight A's.'

15 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any public elementary or secondary  
16 school that receives for the same school year a school grade of A on the established  
17 absolute student achievement standard and a school grade of A on the progress on  
18 improved student achievement in accordance with Code Section 20-14-33 shall be exempt  
19 from this title and state rules, regulations, policies, and procedures, except statutes, rules,  
20 and regulations relating to civil rights; insurance; the protection of the physical health and  
21 safety of students, employees, and visitors; the provisions of Part 3 of this article;  
22 conflicting interest transactions; the certified personnel information report; the provisions  
23 of Code Section 20-2-320 relating to the state-wide comprehensive educational information  
24 system; and the prevention of unlawful conduct. The period of exemption shall last for two  
25 school years, beginning with the commencement of the school year immediately following  
26 receipt of such grades. Such a school shall remain subject to the management, control, and

1 governance of the local board of education. This subsection shall not be construed to  
2 reduce state or local funding for any school, but a school that receives the school grades  
3 specified in this subsection shall be exempt from provisions of law, rules, regulations,  
4 policies, and procedures for accounting to the state for the expenditure of funds.

5 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any public elementary or secondary school  
6 that receives for the same school year a school grade of A on the established absolute  
7 student achievement standard and a school grade of B on the progress on improved student  
8 achievement in accordance with Code Section 20-14-33 shall be exempt from this title and  
9 state rules, regulations, policies, and procedures, except statutes, rules, and regulations  
10 relating to civil rights; insurance; the protection of the physical health and safety of  
11 students, employees, and visitors; the provisions of Part 3 this article; conflicting interest  
12 transactions; the certified personnel information report; the provisions of Code Section  
13 20-2-320 relating to the state-wide comprehensive educational information system; and the  
14 prevention of unlawful conduct. The period of exemption shall last for one school year,  
15 beginning with the commencement of the school year immediately following receipt of  
16 such grades. Such a school shall remain subject to the management, control, and  
17 governance of the local board of education. This subsection shall not be construed to  
18 reduce state or local funding for any school, but a school that receives the school grades  
19 specified in this subsection shall be exempt from provisions of law, rules, regulations,  
20 policies, and procedures for accounting to the state for the expenditure of funds."

## 21 SECTION 2.

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