

House Bill 1557

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-161.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 enrollment in postsecondary courses, academic credit, and the secondary options grant  
3 account, so as to delete provisions for calculating the funds to be requested for the secondary  
4 options account and payments to eligible institutions from such account; to provide for rules  
5 and regulations by the State Board of Education; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 20-2-161.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to enrollment  
10 in postsecondary courses, academic credit, and the secondary options grant account, is  
11 amended by striking subsection (f) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

12 "(f) The department shall establish a secondary options grant account with funds  
13 appropriated by the General Assembly. The State Board of Education shall develop rules  
14 and regulations governing reasonable disbursements from this account to eligible  
15 institutions and to participating local school systems. ~~The amount of funds requested by~~  
16 ~~the state board for this account shall be the amount that the participating pupils would earn~~  
17 ~~in the local systems during the portion of the instructional day the students were actually~~  
18 ~~enrolled at the eligible institutions. The department shall pay to eligible institutions from~~  
19 ~~this grant account the lesser of the following amounts for pupils enrolled therein:~~

20 (1) ~~The actual costs of tuition, materials, and fees directly related to the approved courses~~  
21 ~~taken by the pupils at such institutions; or~~

22 (2) ~~The amount that the pupils would have earned under this article if those pupils had~~  
23 ~~been in equivalent instructional programs in a local school system for that portion of the~~  
24 ~~instructional day in which the pupils were actually enrolled in eligible institutions~~  
25 ~~pursuant to this Code section."~~

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**SECTION 2.**

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.