

House Bill 1563

By: Representatives Snelling of the 99th, Barnes of the 97th and Mills of the 21st

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 provide for development of a curriculum to
3 help students distinguish the data and testable theories of science from philosophical claims;
4 to provide for rules and regulations; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and
8 secondary education, is amended by inserting a new Code section to be designated Code
9 Section 20-2-148 to read as follows:

10 "20-2-148.

11 In recognition of the fact that a quality science education should prepare students to
12 distinguish the data and testable theories of science from philosophical claims that are
13 made in the name of science, the State Board of Education is authorized to promulgate
14 rules and regulations and develop a curriculum for topics that may generate controversy,
15 such as biological evolution, to help students understand the full range of scientific views
16 that exist, why such topics may generate controversy, and how scientific discoveries can
17 profoundly affect society."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.