

House Bill 97 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia, relating to the Office of
2 School Readiness, so as to provide that the pre-kindergarten program administered by the
3 Office of School Readiness shall be known as "Georgia's Pre-K Program"; to require that
4 printed materials created on and after July 1, 2002, for the pre-kindergarten program shall
5 refer to the program as "Georgia's Pre-K Program"; to provide for an effective date; to repeal
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 1A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia, relating to the Office of School
10 Readiness, is amended by striking in its entirety Code Section 20-1A-4, relating to the
11 powers and duties of the office, and inserting in lieu thereof a new Code Section 20-1A-4 to
12 read as follows:

13 "20-1A-4.

14 The Office of School Readiness shall have the following powers and duties:

15 (1) To administer such programs and services as may be necessary for the operation and
16 management of voluntary pre-kindergarten, which shall be known as 'Georgia's Pre-K
17 Program';

18 (2) To administer such programs and services as may be necessary for the operation and
19 management of preschool and child development programs, such as Even Start and child
20 care regulation and food programs;

21 (3) To act as the agent of the federal government in conformity with this chapter and the
22 administration of any federal funds granted to the state to aid in the furtherance of any
23 functions of the office; and

1 (4) To assist local units of administration in this state so as to assure the proliferation of
2 services under this chapter."

3 **SECTION 2.**

4 Said chapter is further amended by adding at the end thereof a new Code Section 20-1A-7,
5 to read as follows:

6 "20-1A-7.

7 On and after July 1, 2002, each newly printed publication, poster, banner, or sign created
8 for the pre-kindergarten program by the Office of School Readiness or a provider of
9 pre-kindergarten services shall refer to the program as 'Georgia's Pre-K Program.'"

10 **SECTION 3.**

11 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming
12 law without such approval.

13 **SECTION 4.**

14 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.