

Senate Bill 384

By: Senator Jackson of the 50th

AS PASSED

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 increase the maximum amount of a state grant
3 for certain after-school programs for certain students who have failed courses; to change the
4 method for calculating funding for certain joint after-school programs for students who have
5 previously dropped out of school; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;
6 and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

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

12 "20-2-256.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (b) Four ~~Three~~ or more local school systems which jointly establish any after-school
2 program for at-risk students shall be eligible to receive a state grant, not to exceed
3 ~~\$175,000.00~~ \$225,000.00 per year, which is equal to the amount of direct instructional
4 costs which would be earned by ~~such~~ students described in subparagraph (a)(1)(B) of this
5 Code section if they were enrolled in equivalent courses in the remedial education program
6 during the school day and counted as FTE students under the method described in
7 paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-160. No student in the after-school
8 program who is actually included in a regular after-school FTE program count pursuant to
9 Code Section 20-2-160 may be counted in determining the amount of a grant under this
10 Code section.

11 (c) The FTE count for students described in subparagraph (a)(1)(A) of this Code section
12 shall be funded at the weight and teacher-student ratio specified for alternative education
13 programs in paragraph (18) of subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-161.

14 (d) The State Board of Education is directed to prescribe a method of determining full-time
15 equivalency of such programs in keeping with paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Code
16 Section 20-2-160 and shall calculate the funds needed for such programs as part of its
17 annual budget request."

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SECTION 2.

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