

Senate Bill 101

By: Senators Seabaugh of the 28th, Smith of the 25th, James of the 35th and Cable of the 27th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-281, relating to assessments of the effectiveness of educational
2 programs, so as to authorize the state board of education to approve a pilot program
3 exempting one school system from the provisions of such Code section; to provide
4 requirements for such pilot program; to provide findings of effectiveness and
5 recommendations; to provide for a time period; 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 20-2-281, relating to assessments of the effectiveness of educational programs,
10 is amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:

11 "(p) The State Board of Education is authorized to approve a pilot program for one local
12 school system to be exempt from the provisions of this Code section. A local school system
13 desiring to compete for the approved pilot program shall submit a plan ensuring that the
14 local school system will provide at a minimum the current state mandated first-grade
15 readiness assessment, the criterion-referenced competency tests in reading and mathematics
16 in grades one through three, and the criterion-referenced competency tests in reading,
17 mathematics, science, and social studies in grades four through eight. In addition, the plan
18 must describe the goals and objectives of the local school system's educational program
19 and how suspension of the student assessment program as defined in this Code section will
20 result in improvement of the local school system's educational program. The approved
21 local school system must submit annual findings and recommendations as to the
22 effectiveness of its program to the State Board of Education. Such pilot program shall be
23 permitted to continue for a minimum of three years, after which the State Board of
24 Education may renew the pilot program of that local school system and may allow pilot
25 programs for other local school systems based on the findings and recommendations

1 submitted. The State Board of Education is authorized to prescribe additional criteria for
2 any pilot programs approved under this subsection."

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SECTION 2.

5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.