

House Bill 388

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 24 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 certification of librarians, so as to authorize the State Board for the Certification of Librarians  
3 to require continuing education as a condition of renewal of a librarian's certificate; to  
4 provide for the approval of continuing education programs and waivers; to authorize the  
5 board to promulgate regulations and appoint certain committees; to provide an effective date;  
6 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 24 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the certification  
10 of librarians, is amended by adding at the end thereof a new Code section, to be designated  
11 as Code Section 43-24-7, to read as follows:

12 "43-24-7.

13 (a) The board shall be authorized to require persons holding a certificate under this chapter  
14 to complete board approved continuing education of not less than ten hours biennially as  
15 a condition of certificate renewal. The board shall be authorized to approve programs  
16 offered by professional associations, educational institutions, government agencies, and  
17 bibliographic utilities, and others as it deems appropriate.

18 (b) The board shall be authorized to waive the continuing education requirement in cases  
19 of hardship, disability, or illness or under such other circumstances as the board deems  
20 appropriate.

21 (c) The board shall be authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to implement and  
22 ensure compliance with the requirements of this Code section.

23 (d) The board shall have the authority to appoint a committee or committees composed of  
24 certified librarians, as it deems appropriate, to administer, implement, and otherwise carry  
25 out the provisions of this chapter relating to continuing education."

1 **SECTION 2.**

2 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2001.

3 **SECTION 3.**

4 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.