

House Bill 532

By: Representatives Hugley of the 133rd, Taylor of the 134th, Skipper of the 137th and Heard of the 89th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 general provisions relative to professions and businesses, so as to provide mandatory
3 suspension of professional licenses for default or breach of a repayment or service obligation
4 under any federal educational loan, loan repayment, or service conditional scholarship
5 program; to provide for a notice; to authorize the division director to promulgate appropriate
6 rules and regulations; to provide for reinstatement of such suspended licenses under certain
7 conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Chapter 1 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
11 provisions relative to professions and businesses, is amended by inserting at the end thereof
12 a new Code Section 43-1-29 to read as follows:

13 "43-1-29.

14 A professional licensing board shall suspend the license of a person licensed by that board
15 who has been certified by a federal agency and reported to the board for nonpayment or
16 default or breach of a repayment or service obligation under any federal educational loan,
17 loan repayment, or service conditional scholarship program. Prior to the suspension, the
18 licensee shall be entitled to notice of the board's intended action and opportunity to appear
19 before the board according to procedures set forth by the division director in rules and
20 regulations. A suspension of a license under this Code section is not a contested case under
21 Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedures Act.' A license suspended
22 under this Code section shall not be reinstated or reissued until the person provides the
23 licensing board a written release issued by the reporting agency stating that the person is
24 making payments on the loan or satisfying the service requirements in accordance with an
25 agreement approved by the reporting agency. If the person has continued to meet all other
26 requirements for licensure during the period of suspension, reinstatement of the license

1 shall be automatic upon receipt of the notice and payment of any reinstatement fee which
2 the board may impose."

3 **SECTION 2.**

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