

Senate Bill 247

By: Senators Marable of the 52nd, Jackson of the 50th, Hill of the 4th and Dean of the 31st

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 provide for an increase in state salary for
3 school speech-language pathologists and audiologists who earn national certification; to
4 provide definitions; to provide that persons who are licensed under the "Georgia State
5 Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act" are deemed to hold national
6 certification; to provide for the amount of such increase; to provide when such increase shall
7 become effective; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
8 purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

11 Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and
12 secondary education, is amended by inserting a new Code section to be designated Code
13 Section 20-2-212.4 to read as follows:

14 "20-2-212.4.

15 (a) As used in this Code section:

16 (1) 'National certification' means a Certificate of Clinical Competence from the
17 American Speech-Language-Hearing Association in Speech Language Pathology or
18 Audiology. A person who is licensed as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist
19 under Chapter 44 of Title 43 shall be deemed to hold national certification.

20 (2) 'School speech-language pathologist or audiologist' means a person who holds a valid
21 Georgia teaching certificate.

22 (b) Any school speech-language pathologist or audiologist who has earned national
23 certification shall receive not less than a 10 percent rate increase in state salary upon:

24 (1) The commencement of the 2002-2003 school year if such certification was earned
25 prior to such school year; or

- 1 (2) Upon the commencement of the school year after earning such certification if such
2 certification is earned after the commencement of the 2002-2003 school year.
- 3 (c) The increase in state salary provided by this Code section shall be in addition to any
4 other increase for which the person is eligible."

5 **SECTION 2.**

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

8 **SECTION 3.**

9 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.