

The House Committee on Education offers the following substitute to HB 554:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to authorize payment of advanced placement tests for students in private schools or home study programs; to provide for procedures; to provide for payments from funds specifically appropriated for the purpose; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, is amended by inserting a new Code section to be designated Code Section 20-2-161.3 to read as follows:

"20-2-161.3.

The State Department of Education may pay the fees charged for advanced placement tests taken by a student in a private school or home study program located in this state after successful completion of an advanced placement course approved in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 20-2-161.1. The principal or director of the private school or school offering the approved course shall certify to the department the number of students taking the advanced placement tests, the total fees charged, and such additional information as the department requires regarding advanced placement tests, and the department shall make payments directly to the testing service from funds specifically appropriated for this purpose by the General Assembly."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.