

House Bill 976

By: Representatives Smith of the 91st, Burkhalter of the 41st, Williams of the 83rd, DeLoach of the 119th and Jackson of the 112th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to financing under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide
3 for state payment of advanced placement examination fees to students enrolled in private
4 secondary schools and in home study programs; to limit payment for each student; to provide
5 for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
9 relating to financing under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended by striking
10 subsection (g) of Code Section 20-2-161.1, relating to enrollment in postsecondary courses,
11 academic credit, and a secondary options grant account, and inserting in lieu thereof a new
12 subsection (g) to read as follows:

13 "(g) The department shall pay the fees charged for advanced placement tests taken by any
14 eligible private high school student from a private high school accredited by the Georgia
15 Private School Accrediting Commission, the Georgia Accrediting Commission, or the
16 Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, or their respective successors, any eligible
17 public high school student, and any eligible home study program student, who successfully
18 completes an approved advanced placement course. To be eligible to have fees paid for
19 such tests, such student shall have successfully completed an approved advanced placement
20 course taught by a teacher or by another person that the local school system determines is
21 qualified to teach such course. The local high school principal or other designated school
22 official shall certify to the department the number and names of students taking the
23 advanced placement tests, the total fees charged, and such ~~additional~~ other information as
24 the department ~~requires~~ may reasonably require regarding advanced placement tests, and
25 the department shall make payments directly to the testing service from funds dedicated
26 to this purpose within the secondary option grant account. The department shall not be

1 authorized to pay such fees for any one student to take such tests more than two times in
2 any one subject matter."

3 **SECTION 2.**

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