

House Bill 281

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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 authorize local boards of education to offer
3 driver education as an elective course; to provide for funding from local funds, student fees,
4 and state funding; to provide for rules and regulations for the allocation of state funds; to
5 provide 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 Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and
9 secondary education, is amended by striking in its entirety Code Section 20-2-151.2, relating
10 to driver education courses for elective credit, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

11 "20-2-151.2.

12 (a) For the purpose of earning Carnegie unit curriculum credits at the high school level,
13 satisfactory completion, on or after January 1, 1999, of a driver education course in a driver
14 training school and under the instruction of a driver training instructor licensed by the
15 department under Chapter 13 of Title 43, 'The Driver Training School License Act,' may
16 be accepted by the State Board of Education for one-half unit of elective credit for any
17 student.

18 (b) Each county board of education and each independent board of education shall be
19 authorized to offer an elective driver education course for one-half unit of credit. When a
20 driver education course is so offered, the cost shall be paid from one or more of the
21 following:

22 (1) Funds of the local board of education, in an amount to be determined by the local
23 board of education;

24 (2) Student fees in an amount to be determined by the local board of education; and

1 (3) State funds in an amount to be allocated among participating local boards of education
2 according to rules and regulations to be promulgated by the State Board of Education,
3 subject to appropriation by the General Assembly."

4 **SECTION 2.**

5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.