

House Bill 295

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to educational programs relative to quality basic education, so as to  
3 require certification of personnel providing educational interpreting for hearing impaired  
4 students in local school systems or state operated school programs; to provide for related  
5 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
9 relating to educational programs relative to quality basic education, is amended by adding  
10 at the end thereof a new Code Section 20-2-159.1 to read as follows:

11 "20-2-159.1.

12 Educational interpreters for students who are deaf or hearing impaired in local school  
13 systems or state operated school programs shall hold a current state quality assurance rating  
14 from the State of Georgia or a current national certification from the Registry of  
15 Interpreters of the Deaf or the National Association of the Deaf."

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.