

House Bill 360

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-211 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 annual contracts, disqualifying acts, job descriptions, fingerprinting, and criminal record  
3 checks, so as to change the date for tendering contracts for the ensuing year to school  
4 principals and for notice that a school principal intends not to accept employment for the  
5 ensuing school year; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 20-2-211 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual  
10 contracts, disqualifying acts, job descriptions, fingerprinting, and criminal record checks, is  
11 amended by striking subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

12 "(b) Any other provisions of this article or any other laws to the contrary notwithstanding,  
13 each local governing board shall, by not later than April 15 of the current school year,  
14 tender a new contract for the ensuing school year to each teacher and other professional  
15 employee certificated by the Professional Standards Commission, excluding school  
16 principals, on the payroll of the local unit of administration at the beginning of the current  
17 school year, except those who have resigned or who have been terminated as provided in  
18 Part 7 of Article 17 of this chapter, or shall notify in writing each such teacher or other  
19 certificated professional employee of the intention of not renewing his or her contract for  
20 the ensuing school year. Upon request, a written explanation for failure to renew such  
21 contract shall be made available to such certificated personnel by the executive officer.  
22 When such notice of intended termination has not been given by April 15, the employment  
23 of such teacher or other certificated professional employee, excluding school principals,  
24 shall be continued for the ensuing school year unless the teacher or certificated professional  
25 employee, excluding school principals, elects not to accept such employment by notifying  
26 the local governing board or executive officer in writing not later than May 1.

1 (b.1) Any other provisions of this article or any other laws to the contrary notwithstanding,  
2 each local governing board shall, by not later than June 1 of the current school year, tender  
3 a new contract for the ensuing school year to each school principal on the payroll of the  
4 local unit of administration at the beginning of the current school year, except those who  
5 have resigned or who have been terminated as provided in Part 7 of Article 17 of this  
6 chapter, or shall notify in writing each such school principal of the intention of not  
7 renewing his or her contract for the ensuing school year. Upon request, a written  
8 explanation for the failure to renew such contract shall be made available to a school  
9 principal by the executive officer. When such notice of intended termination has not been  
10 given by June 1, the employment of a school principal shall be continued for the ensuing  
11 school year unless the school principal elects not to accept such employment by notifying  
12 the local governing board or executive officer in writing not later than June 15."

13 **SECTION 2.**

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

16 **SECTION 3.**

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