

House Bill 590

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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 exempt teachers desiring to transfer to Georgia
3 from other states from the Praxis examinations in certain circumstances; to provide for
4 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and
8 secondary education, is amended by inserting a new Code section to be designated Code
9 Section 20-2-989.2 to read as follows:

10 "20-2-989.2.

11 The commission shall not require a teacher from another state desiring to transfer to this
12 state to take the Praxis examinations for certification if such teacher:

- 13 (1) Is at that time employed in a state that has reciprocal certification or licensing with
14 this state;
- 15 (2) Is at that time employed by a school system that is regionally accredited by the
16 Southern Association of Colleges and Schools;
- 17 (3) Has a minimum of five consecutive years of satisfactory annual performance
18 evaluations; and
- 19 (4) Has met all the course requirements for regional accreditation."

20 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.