

## Senate Bill 223

By: Senators Lee of the 29th, Harp of the 16th, Zamarripa of the 36th, and Brush of the 24th

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 for teachers, so as to provide that teacher and other professional employee  
3 contracts shall be complete in all terms and conditions, including the amount of  
4 compensation for the ensuing school year, when presented to the teacher or professional  
5 employee of the school system; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date;  
6 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other 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 for teachers, is amended by striking subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof a  
11 new subsection (b) to read as follows:

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 on the payroll of the local  
16 unit of administration at the beginning of the current school year, except those who have  
17 resigned or who have been terminated as provided in Part 7 of Article 17 of this chapter,  
18 or shall notify in writing each such teacher or other certificated professional employee of  
19 the intention of not renewing his or her contract for the ensuing school year. Such  
20 contracts when tendered to each teacher or other professional employee shall be complete  
21 in all terms and conditions of the contract, including the amount of compensation to be paid  
22 to such teacher or other professional employee during the ensuing school year, and shall  
23 not contain blanks or leave any terms and conditions of the contract open. Upon request,  
24 a written explanation for failure to renew such contract shall be made available to such  
25 certificated personnel by the executive officer. When such notice of intended termination  
26 has not been given by April 15, the employment of such teacher or other certificated

1 professional employee shall be continued for the ensuing school year unless the teacher or  
2 certificated professional employee elects not to accept such employment by notifying the  
3 local governing board or executive officer in writing not later than May 1."

4 **SECTION 2.**

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

7 **SECTION 3.**

8 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.