

House Bill 1151

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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 change time requirements relating to  
3 provisional contracts in order to receive the results of background checks for teachers,  
4 principals, and other certificated professional personnel; to provide for related matters; to  
5 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 paragraph (1) of subsection (e) of Code Section  
10 20-2-211, relating to annual contracts of teachers, principals, and other certificated  
11 professional personnel, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

12 "(e)(1) All personnel employed by a local unit of administration ~~after July 1, 2000~~,  
13 whether or not such personnel hold certificates from the Professional Standards  
14 Commission, shall be fingerprinted and have a criminal record check made as required  
15 by this subsection. The local unit of administration shall have the authority to employ a  
16 person holding such a certificate under a provisional or temporary contract for a  
17 maximum of ~~200~~ 90 days and to employ a person who does not hold such a certificate for  
18 a maximum of ~~200~~ 90 days, in order to allow for the receipt of the results of the criminal  
19 record check. Teachers, principals, and other certificated personnel whose employment  
20 in a local unit of administration is renewed pursuant to this subpart ~~after July 1, 2000~~,  
21 shall have a criminal record check made as required by this subsection upon any  
22 certificate renewal application to the Professional Standards Commission. The local unit  
23 of administration shall adopt policies to provide for the subsequent criminal record  
24 checks of noncertificated personnel continued in employment in the local unit of  
25 administration."

- 1 **SECTION 2.**
- 2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.