

House Bill 1172

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-200 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 teacher certification, so as to provide that the Professional Standards Commission shall not
3 require a test or course in computer skill competency for certification renewal; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Code Section 20-2-200 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to teacher
8 certification, is amended by striking paragraph (3) of subsection (b) and inserting in lieu
9 thereof the following:

10 "(3) Requirements for certification renewal shall be established to foster ongoing
11 professional learning, enhance student achievement, and verify standards of ethical
12 conduct. Such requirements may include, but are not limited to, professional learning
13 related to school improvement plans or the applicant's field of certification and
14 background checks. Such requirements shall not include a course in computer skill
15 competency or the InTech program but shall include a test in basic computer skill
16 competency. Individuals holding a valid Georgia life certificate or a valid National Board
17 for Professional Teaching Standards certificate shall be deemed to have met state renewal
18 requirements except those related to background checks."

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

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.