The House Committee on Education offers the following substitute to HB 1172:

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
3 require a basic computer skills test for certification renewal; to provide that completion of
4 an InTech course shall not be required for certification renewal; to provide that local school
5 systems shall not require additional computer training beyond the certification renewal
6 required; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7   BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8   **SECTION 1.**
9 Code Section 20-2-200 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to teacher
10 certification, is amended by striking paragraph (3) of subsection (b) and inserting in lieu
11 thereof the following:
12   "(3) Requirements for certification renewal shall be established to foster ongoing
13   professional learning, enhance student achievement, and verify standards of ethical
14   conduct. Such requirements may include, but are not limited to, professional learning
15   related to school improvement plans or the applicant´s field of certification and
16   background checks. Such requirements shall include a basic computer skills test;
17   provided, however, that no individual shall be required to complete a course in the InTech
18   program to comply with this paragraph. Local school systems shall not require any
19   additional technology training of a certificated professional employee once he or she has
20   complied with the renewal requirements relating to computer training pursuant to this
21   paragraph. Individuals holding a valid Georgia life certificate or a valid National Board
22   for Professional Teaching Standards certificate shall be deemed to have met state renewal
23   requirements except those related to background checks."

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25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.