

House Bill 1310 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE) (AM)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-285 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 timetable for implementation of promotion policy, so as to provide that the State Board of  
3 Education may delay the full implementation of the Georgia Academic Placement and  
4 Promotion Policy for third graders for the 2003-2004 school year under certain conditions;  
5 to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
6 other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 20-2-285 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to timetable for  
10 implementation of promotion policy, is amended by striking the Code section and inserting  
11 in lieu thereof new Code Section 20-2-285 to read as follows:

12 "20-2-285.

13 The State Board of Education shall provide for a timetable of implementation of this  
14 Code section and the Georgia Academic Placement and Promotion Policy which shall  
15 include:

- 16 (1) The third grade beginning with the 2003-2004 school year; provided, however, that  
17 in the event the State Board of Education does not receive test results for the third grade  
18 criterion-referenced assessments on or before May 26, 2004, the State Board of  
19 Education, in its discretion, may delay full implementation of this paragraph and the  
20 Georgia Academic Placement and Promotion Policy for the 2003-2004 school year;  
21 (2) The fifth grade beginning with the 2004-2005 school year; and  
22 (3) The eighth grade beginning with the 2005-2006 school year."

23 **SECTION 2.**

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

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**SECTION 3.**

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.