

House Bill 1614

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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 delay the implementation of the
3 Georgia Academic Placement and Promotion Policy for third graders for one year; to provide
4 for testing policies and procedures for the 2003-2004 school year; to provide for remedial
5 instruction, retesting, reports, and reporting subsequent test results separately for certain
6 students who fail the reading assessment in 2004; to provide for related matters; to provide
7 an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

10 Code Section 20-2-285 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to timetable for
11 implementation of promotion policy, is amended by striking the Code section and inserting
12 in lieu thereof new Code Sections 20-2-285 and 20-285.1 to read as follows:

13 "20-2-285.

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

- 16 (1) The third grade beginning with the ~~2003-2004~~ 2004-2005 school year;
17 (2) The fifth grade beginning with the 2004-2005 school year; and
18 (3) The eighth grade beginning with the 2005-2006 school year.

19 20-2-285.1.

20 (a) This Code section will apply to students tested with the third grade criterion-referenced
21 reading assessment in the 2003-2004 school year only.

22 (b) The third grade criterion-referenced reading assessment shall be given as required by
23 other provisions of this chapter, but results of the test shall not be used in any way in
24 determining whether any student shall be promoted or retained at the end of the 2003-2004
25 school year. Other promotional standards and criteria established by the State Board of

1 Education and the local school board, including but not limited to academic performance,
2 shall be the basis for placement decisions for the 2003-2004 school year.

3 (c) Each school system shall provide remedial instruction for each student who does not
4 pass the third grade criterion-referenced reading assessment. Each school system shall
5 report to the Department of Education the number of students not passing the third grade
6 criterion-referenced reading assessment and the remedial instruction provided to such
7 students.

8 (d) Each school system shall retest each student who does not pass the third grade
9 criterion-referenced reading assessment. Each school system shall report to the Department
10 of Education the number of students who pass and fail when tested for the second time.
11 Each school system shall develop a plan of remedial instruction for each student who does
12 not pass the test the second time, whether the student is in the third grade or the fourth
13 grade for the 2004-2005 school year. Each school system shall report such plans for
14 remedial instruction to the Department of Education during the first month of the
15 2004-2005 school year.

16 (e) When reporting the results for criterion-referenced reading assessments in 2005 to the
17 Department of Education, each school system shall report test results for students who
18 failed the third grade reading assessment in the 2003-2004 school year separately.

19 (f) The Department of Education shall report to the General Assembly on the results of the
20 third grade criterion-referenced tests in the 2003-2004 school year, remedial instruction for
21 students, students who failed the reading assessment a second time, remedial instruction
22 for such students, and subsequent test results for students who failed the reading
23 assessment once or twice."

24 **SECTION 2.**

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

27 **SECTION 3.**

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