

The House Committee on Education offers the following substitute to HB 1406:

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 provide that the core curriculum shall conform
3 to national curriculum standards; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

6 Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and
7 secondary education, is amended by striking Code Section 20-2-140, relating to
8 establishment of competencies and a core curriculum, and Code Section 20-2-141, relating
9 to review of the adopted competencies and core curriculum, and inserting in lieu thereof the
10 following:

11 "20-2-140.

12 The State Board of Education shall establish competencies that each student is expected
13 to master prior to completion of the student's public school education. The state board shall
14 also establish competencies for which each student should be provided opportunities, at the
15 discretion of the student and the student's parents, to master. Based upon these foregoing
16 competencies, the state board shall adopt a uniformly sequenced core curriculum that
17 conforms to national curriculum standards where applicable for grades kindergarten
18 through 12. Each local unit of administration shall include this uniformly sequenced core
19 curriculum as the basis for its own curriculum, although each local unit may expand and
20 enrich this curriculum to the extent it deems necessary and appropriate for its students and
21 communities.

22 20-2-141.

23 The State Board of Education shall establish at least once every four years a review of the
24 adopted competencies and uniformly sequenced core curriculum by a task force broadly
25 representative of educational interests and the concerned public. After considering the

1 findings and recommendations of the task force, the state board shall make such changes
2 in the student competencies lists and core curriculum that conform to national curriculum
3 standards where applicable as it deems in the best interest of the state and its citizens and
4 shall report such proposed changes to local school systems and the General Assembly for
5 review."

6 **SECTION 2.**

7 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.