

The House Committee on Health and Human Services offers the following substitute to HB 1024:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 43-10-14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 study of cosmetology by persons 17 years of age or older, so as to lower to 16 years the age  
3 of persons authorized to study cosmetology; to provide certain conditions; to repeal  
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 43-10-14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the study of  
8 cosmetology by persons 17 years of age or older, is amended by striking subsection (a) and  
9 inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (a) to read as follows:

10 "(a) Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit any person at least ~~17~~ 16 years of age from  
11 learning the occupation of cosmetology under a master cosmetologist, provided that any  
12 such person who is 16 years of age shall be enrolled in a public school, private school, or  
13 home study program and shall maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0,  
14 unless such 16 year old has received a high school diploma or its equivalent; and provided  
15 further that such cosmetologist has had at least 36 months' experience and has held a  
16 certificate of a master cosmetologist for at least 36 months. In addition, nothing in this  
17 chapter shall prohibit any person at least ~~17~~ 16 years of age from learning the occupation  
18 of cosmetology under an instructor in a school of cosmetology who has been a  
19 cosmetologist for a period of at least one year and has registered under this chapter,  
20 provided that any such person who is 16 years of age shall be enrolled in a public school,  
21 private school, or home study program and shall maintain a cumulative grade point average  
22 of at least 3.0, unless such 16 year old has received a high school diploma or its equivalent.  
23 Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit any person at least ~~17~~ 16 years of age from learning  
24 the occupation of esthetics under a cosmetologist holding a master cosmetologist certificate  
25 or an esthetician certificate, provided that any such person who is 16 years of age shall be  
26 enrolled in a public school, private school, or home study program and shall maintain a

1 cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0, unless such 16 year old has received a high  
 2 school diploma or its equivalent; and provided further that such cosmetologist has had at  
 3 least 36 months' experience, or under an instructor in a school of cosmetology or school  
 4 of esthetics who has held a certificate as a cosmetologist for a period of at least one year,  
 5 is qualified to teach said practices, and has registered under this chapter. Nothing in this  
 6 chapter shall prohibit any person at least ~~17~~ 16 years of age from learning the occupation  
 7 of nail care or manicuring under a cosmetologist holding a master cosmetologist certificate  
 8 or a nail technician certificate, provided that any such person who is 16 years of age shall  
 9 be enrolled in a public school, private school, or home study program and shall maintain  
 10 a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0, unless such 16 year old has received a high  
 11 school diploma or its equivalent; and provided further that such cosmetologist has had at  
 12 least 36 months' experience, or under an instructor in a school of cosmetology or school  
 13 of nail care who has been a licensed cosmetologist for a period of at least one year, is  
 14 qualified to teach said practices, and has registered under this chapter. Any person  
 15 registered as an apprentice under this Code section on June 30, 1997, shall be eligible to  
 16 continue such apprenticeship under the person from whom that apprentice was learning the  
 17 occupation of cosmetology, esthetics, or nail care or manicuring at the time of registration  
 18 notwithstanding that the person under whom the apprentice was learning such occupation  
 19 does not meet the 36 months' experience otherwise required by this Code section. Every  
 20 shop owner shall have the responsibility for registering apprentices with the division  
 21 director. The shop owner shall file a statement in writing, showing the apprentice's name  
 22 and the address of the shop. The board shall have the authority to require the shop owner  
 23 to furnish to the board the number of hours completed by the apprentice. The shop owner  
 24 shall remit to the division director a fee in such amount as shall be set by the board by  
 25 regulation for the registration of the apprentice. The apprentice shall receive a certificate  
 26 of registration showing the capacity in which he or she is permitted to practice  
 27 cosmetology. The certificate of registration shall be effective for a period of two years and  
 28 may be renewed at the end of such period upon the filing of an application on forms  
 29 furnished by the division director and the payment of a renewal fee in such amount as shall  
 30 be set by the board by regulation. A certificate of registration authorizing a person to learn  
 31 the occupation of cosmetology under a cosmetologist shall not be renewed more than one  
 32 time; and, upon the expiration of the last certificate of registration issued, such person shall  
 33 not be permitted to practice in any capacity."

## 34 SECTION 2.

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