

House Bill 179

By: Representative Bridges of the 10<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum in elementary and secondary  
3 schools, so as to provide for the presentation of certain scientific evidence whenever any  
4 theory of the origin of humans or other living things is taught; to provide for legislative  
5 intent; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
9 relating to competencies and core curriculum in elementary and secondary schools, is  
10 amended by adding at the end thereof a new Code section, to be designated as Code Section  
11 20-2-148, to read as follows:

12 "20-2-148.

13 (a) Whenever any theory of the origin of humans or other living things is included in a  
14 course of study offered by a local unit of administration, factual scientific evidence  
15 supporting or consistent with evolution theory and factual scientific evidence inconsistent  
16 with or not supporting the theory shall be included in the course of study.

17 (b) The method of instruction described in subsection (a) of this Code section is intended  
18 to strengthen the analytical skills of students by requiring the presentation of a broad range  
19 of scientific evidence regarding theories of the origin of humans and other living things.  
20 The requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section are not intended to authorize or  
21 promote the presentation of religious beliefs."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2005.

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**SECTION 3.**

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.