

Senate Bill 79

By: Senators Williams of the 19th, Pearson of the 51st, Rogers of the 21st, Goggans of the 7th, Heath of the 31st and others

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, so as to provide expressly that
3 local boards of education are authorized to provide additional elective courses for students
4 in specified grades; to provide for state funding of such additional elective courses; to repeal
5 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, is amended by striking in its entirety Code
10 Section 20-2-140, relating to the duty of the State Board of Education to establish
11 competencies and a uniformly sequenced core curriculum, and inserting in lieu thereof the
12 following:

13 "20-2-140.

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

23 (b) Without limiting the authority granted to local units of administration in subsection (a)
24 of this Code section, each local unit of administration is expressly authorized to provide
25 additional elective courses for students in grades nine through 12. Such additional elective
26 courses shall be funded by the state in the same manner and to the same extent as the
27 uniformly sequenced core curriculum adopted by the state board."

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SECTION 2.

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.