

House Bill 250

By: Representatives Maxwell of the 17th, Jamieson of the 28th, Dickson of the 6th, Keown of the 173rd, and Casas of the 103rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-230 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to staff
2 development programs, so as to change certain provisions relating to training for members
3 of local school boards; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
4 purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Code Section 20-2-230 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to staff
8 development programs, is amended by striking subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof
9 the following:

10 "(b) All new members of governing boards of local units of administration shall, before
11 or within one year after assuming office, receive at least 12 hours of orientation to the
12 educational program objectives of Georgia and instruction in school finance; school law,
13 with special emphasis on the 'Quality Basic Education Act'; responsiveness to the
14 community; the ethics, duties, and responsibilities of local governing board members;
15 annual performance evaluation of the school superintendent and the local board of
16 education; and such other topics as the State Board of Education may deem to be
17 necessary; ~~provided, however, that at least six of these 12 hours of training shall be~~
18 ~~specifically related to education finance, generally accepted accounting principles, and~~
19 ~~budgeting. The board of education of the Department of Juvenile Justice shall be exempt~~
20 ~~from the six hours of training in education finance, generally accepted accounting~~
21 ~~principles, and budgeting.~~ All members of boards of local units of administration are
22 required to participate in at least one day of training annually to ensure the effective
23 management and operation of local units of administration. The Georgia Department of
24 Education Leadership Academy is authorized, in cooperation with the Georgia School
25 Boards Association or regional educational service agencies ~~other agencies and~~
26 ~~associations~~, to conduct workshops annually to provide such instruction and to present to

1 each board member completing such annual workshop for the first time an appropriate
2 certificate. The ~~Georgia Department of Education Leadership Academy~~ shall adopt such
3 procedures as may be necessary to verify the attendance at such annual workshops of
4 veteran members of boards of local units of administration. All boards of local units of
5 administration are authorized to pay such board members the same per diem as authorized
6 by local or general law for attendance at regular or special meetings, as well as
7 reimbursement of actual expenses for travel, lodging, meals, and registration fees for such
8 workshops, either before or after such board members assume office."

9 **SECTION 2.**

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