

House Bill 689

By: Representatives Reece of the 11th, Mosby of the 90th, Manning of the 32nd, Jones of the 46th, Smith of the 13th, 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 require annual instruction
3 in the dangers of methamphetamine use in the course of study in health and physical
4 education as prescribed by the State Board of Education; to provide for related matters; to
5 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, is amended by striking subsection (c) of Code
10 Section 20-2-142, relating to prescribed courses and the development and dissemination of
11 instructional materials on the effects of alcohol, and inserting in its place the following:

12 "(c) The State Board of Education shall prescribe a course of study in health and physical
13 education for all grades and grade levels in the public schools and shall establish minimum
14 time requirements and standards for its administration. The course shall include instruction
15 concerning the impact of alcohol, tobacco, and drug use upon health. The course shall
16 require minimum annual instruction on the dangers of methamphetamine use as follows:

17 (1) Forty-five minutes of instruction per school year for students in grades 5 and 6; and

18 (2) Ninety minutes of instruction per school year for students in grades 7 through 12.

19 The local boards of education shall be authorized to utilize state and local resources, such
20 as a local drug task force, to assist in providing such instruction. A manual setting out the

21 details of such courses of study shall be prepared or approved by the State School
22 Superintendent in cooperation with the Department of Human Resources, the state board,
23 and such expert advisers as they may choose. The Department of Education is directed to
24 assemble or develop instructional resources and materials concerning alcohol and drug
25 abuse, taking into consideration technological enhancements available for utilization of
26 such instructional resources."

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SECTION 2.

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.