

House Bill 972

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-200 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 teacher certification, so as to provide that the Professional Standards Commission shall not  
3 require a course in computer skill competency for certification renewal but shall require a test  
4 in basic computer skill competency; to provide for certificated personnel to have the  
5 opportunity to take a basic computer skill competency test onsite at his or her assigned  
6 school; to provide for onsite proctors for the basic computer skill competency test; to provide  
7 for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
8 purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

11 Code Section 20-2-200 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to teacher  
12 certification, is amended by striking paragraph (4) of subsection (b) and inserting in lieu  
13 thereof the following:

14 "(4) Requirements for certification renewal shall be established to foster ongoing  
15 professional learning, enhance student achievement, and verify standards of ethical  
16 conduct. Such requirements may include, but are not limited to, professional learning  
17 related to school improvement plans or the applicant's field of certification and  
18 background checks. Such requirements shall not include a course in computer skill  
19 competency or the InTech program but shall include a test in basic computer skill  
20 competency. Local school systems shall make available to its certificated personnel the  
21 opportunity to take the basic computer skill competency test required by this paragraph  
22 onsite at the school in which the certificated personnel are assigned. Local school  
23 systems shall identify an individual or individuals on site at each school to serve as a  
24 proctor for individuals taking the test. Individuals holding a valid Georgia life certificate  
25 or a valid National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certificate shall be deemed  
26 to have met state renewal requirements except those related to background checks."

1 **SECTION 2.**

2 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
3 without such approval.

4 **SECTION 3.**

5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.