

House Bill 1227

By: Representatives England of the 108th, Coleman of the 97th, McCall of the 30th, Roberts of the 154th, Black of the 174th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to education accountability assessment programs, so as to create the Agricultural
3 Education Oversight Commission; to provide for membership, filling of vacancies, terms,
4 officers, duties, meetings, and reimbursement of members of the commission; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 education accountability assessment programs, is amended by adding a new part to read as
10 follows:

11 **"Part 8**

12 20-14-90.

13 (a) There is created the Agricultural Education Oversight Commission.

14 (b)(1) The commission shall consist of three members of the House of Representatives
15 to be appointed by the Speaker of the House, at least one of whom shall be from the
16 House Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs and at least one of whom shall
17 be from the House Committee on Education; three members of the Senate to be appointed
18 by the Senate Committee on Assignments, at least one of whom shall be from the Senate
19 Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee and at least one of whom shall be from the
20 Senate Education and Youth Committee; three members who are not members of the
21 General Assembly to be appointed by the Governor; and three members who are not
22 members of the General Assembly to be appointed by the State School Superintendent.

1 (2) Vacancies in the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original
2 appointments.

3 (3)(A) Legislative members of the commission shall serve two-year terms concurrent
4 with their terms as members of the General Assembly.

5 (B) Nonlegislative members of the commission shall serve for two year terms
6 concurrent with those terms of legislative members of the commission.

7 (c) The Speaker of the House shall designate one of the commission members from the
8 House of Representatives as a co-chairperson of the commission, and the Senate
9 Committee on Assignments shall designate one of the commission members from the
10 Senate as a co-chairperson of the commission. Each co-chairperson shall serve as such
11 concurrent with his or her term as a member of the commission.

12 (d)(1) The head of the agricultural education program of the Department of Education
13 shall report annually to commission regarding the conditions, needs, issues, and problems
14 of the program.

15 (2) The commission shall periodically review the conditions, needs, issues, and problems
16 related to the agricultural education program, issue annually a report on the same to the
17 General Assembly, and recommend any action or legislation which the commission
18 deems necessary or appropriate.

19 (e)(1) The commission may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as
20 it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its
21 powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this Code
22 section. The commission shall meet upon the call of either co-chairperson. The
23 commission shall meet not less than two nor more than four times annually.

24 (2) The legislative members of the commission shall receive the allowances provided for
25 in Code Section 28-1-8. Any citizen members shall receive a daily expense allowance
26 in the amount specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 as well as the mileage
27 or transportation allowance authorized for state employees. Any members of the
28 commission who are state officials, other than legislative members, and state employees
29 shall receive no compensation for their services on the commission, but they shall be
30 reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members
31 of the commission in the same manner as they are reimbursed for expenses in their
32 capacities as state officials or employees. The funds necessary for the reimbursement of
33 the expenses of state officials, other than legislative members, and state employees shall
34 come from funds appropriated to or otherwise available to the Department of Education.
35 All other funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this Code section shall come from
36 funds appropriated to the House of Representatives and the Senate. The expenses and

1 allowances authorized by this paragraph shall not be received by members of the
2 commission for more than four days annually."

3 **SECTION 2.**

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