

House Bill 1571

By: Representative Buckner of the 76th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-161 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 Quality Basic Education Formula, so as to provide that the middle grades program is funded
3 at the same program weight as the middle school program; to provide for related matters; to
4 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

7 Code Section 20-2-161 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Quality
8 Basic Education Formula, by striking subsection (b) in its entirety and inserting in lieu
9 thereof the following:

10 "(b) As the cost of instructional programs varies depending upon the teacher-student ratios
11 and specific services typically required to address the special needs of students enrolled,
12 state authorized instructional programs shall have the following program weights and
13 teacher-student ratios:

- 14 (1) Kindergarten program 1.6422
weight and
1 to 15
ratio
- 15 (2) Kindergarten early intervention program 2.0248
weight and
1 to 11
ratio

1	(3) Primary grades program (1-3)	1.2775 weight and 1 to 17 ratio
2	(4) Primary grades early intervention program (1-3)	1.7838 weight and 1 to 11 ratio
3	(5) Upper elementary grades program (4-5)	1.0290 weight and 1 to 23 ratio
4	(6) Upper elementary grades early intervention program (4-5)	1.7774 weight and 1 to 11 ratio
5	(7) Middle grades program (6-8)	1.0134 <u>1.1164</u> weight and 1 to 23 <u>20</u> ratio
6	(8) Middle school program (6-8) as defined in Code Section 20-2-290 ...	1.1164 weight and 1 to 20 ratio
7	(9) High school general education program (9-12)	1.0000 weight and 1 to 23 ratio
8	(10) Vocational laboratory program (9-12)	1.1914 weight and 1 to 20 ratio

1	(11) Program for persons with disabilities:	
2	Category I	2.3706
		weight and
		1 to 8
3		ratio
4	(12) Program for persons with disabilities:	
5	Category II	2.7773
		weight and
		1 to 6.5
6		ratio
7	(13) Program for persons with disabilities:	
8	Category III	3.5356
		weight and
		1 to 5
		ratio
9	(14) Program for persons with disabilities:	
10	Category IV	5.7294
		weight and
		1 to 3
11		ratio
12	(15) Program for persons with disabilities:	
13	Category V	2.4421
		weight and
		1 to 8
14		ratio
15	(16) Program for intellectually gifted students:	
16	Category VI	1.6521
		weight and
		1 to 12
17		ratio
18	(17) Remedial education program	1.3031
		weight and
		1 to 15
19		ratio

1 (18) Alternative education program 1.5871
weight and
2 1 to 15
ratio

3 (19) English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) program 2.4948
weight and
4 1 to 7
ratio"

5 **SECTION 2.**
6 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.