

House Bill 125

By: Representatives Bearden of the 68th, Benton of the 31st, Morris of the 155th, Hatfield of the 177th, and Powell of the 29th

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 in elementary and secondary
3 education, so as to encourage the annual observance of "Georgia Day" in public elementary
4 and secondary schools; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
8 relating to competencies and core curriculum in elementary and secondary education, is
9 amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

10 "20-2-149.

11 All public elementary and secondary schools in this state are encouraged to observe the
12 twelfth day of February of each year, under the name of 'Georgia Day,' as the anniversary
13 of the landing of the first colonists in Georgia under Oglethorpe. The local boards of
14 education are urged to encourage the teachers of the schools under their supervision to
15 conduct on that day exercises in which the pupils shall take part, consisting of written
16 compositions, readings, recitations, addresses, or other exercises appropriate to the various
17 grade levels, relating to this state and its history and to the lives of distinguished Georgians.
18 When such date falls on a day which is not a school day, Georgia Day should be observed
19 on the following school day."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.