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House Bill 432

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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

- 1 To amend Code Section 20-2-281 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
- 2 assessment of effectiveness of educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education
- 3 Act," so as to provide that required state-wide assessments are offered in languages other
- 4 than English; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
- 5 purposes.

## 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 SECTION 1.

- 8 Section 20-2-281 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the assessment of
- 9 effectiveness of educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended
- 10 by revising subsection (e) as follows:
- 11 "(e) The State Board of Education is authorized to adopt rules, regulations, policies, and
- procedures regarding accommodations and the participation of limited-English-proficient
- students, as defined in Code Section 20-2-156, in the assessments described in this Code
- section. The State Board of Education shall make the assessments required pursuant to this
- 15 Code section available in each language which is the primary language of 2 percent or
- more of the state's population. Limited-English-proficient students shall be permitted to
- 17 <u>take such assessments in their native language in accordance with rules and regulations</u>
- 18 <u>established by the state board."</u>

19 SECTION 2.

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.