

The House Committee on Education offers the following substitute to SB 9:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 17 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to teachers and other school personnel, so as to enact the "Grade Integrity Act of  
3 2007"; to provide that no classroom teacher shall be required, coerced, intimidated, or  
4 disciplined in any manner to change the grade of a student; to provide for an ethical violation  
5 reportable to the Professional Standards Commission; to provide for statutory construction;  
6 to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Grade Integrity Act of 2007."

10 **SECTION 2.**

11 Article 17 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
12 teachers and other school personnel, is amended by inserting at the end thereof a new Part  
13 12 to read as follows:

14 **"Part 12**

15 20-2-989.20.

16 (a) No classroom teacher shall be required, coerced, intimidated, or disciplined in any  
17 manner by the local board of education, superintendent, or any local school administrator  
18 to change the grade of a student. This subsection shall not apply when a teacher has failed  
19 to comply with grading policies or rules adopted by the local board of education or written  
20 procedures established by an individual school that are applicable to the grading process,  
21 unless such policy, rule, or procedure would require a student be given a grade different  
22 than the actual grade achieved. A violation of this Code section shall constitute an ethics

- 1 violation reportable to the Professional Standards Commission pursuant to Part 10 of this  
2 article.
- 3 (b) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prevent a principal or other local  
4 school administrator from discussing the grade of a student with a classroom teacher.
- 5 (c) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prevent a central office  
6 administrator, superintendent, or local school administrator from changing a student's  
7 grade. Any grade change made by a person other than the classroom teacher must be  
8 clearly indicated in the student's school records and must indicate the person responsible  
9 for making such grade change."

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**SECTION 3.**

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