

House Bill 871

By: Representatives Crawford of the 16th, Jamieson of the 28th, Buckner of the 130th, Reece of the 11th, Porter of the 143rd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to Quality Basic Education, so as to provide for program weights to fund licensed
3 driver training instructors in high schools; to change certain provisions relating to grants for
4 driver education courses for secondary school students; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 Quality Basic Education, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

10 "20-2-184.2.

11 All program weights, when multiplied by the base amount, shall reflect sufficient funds to
12 pay the beginning salary for at least one certified professional who is a licensed driver
13 training instructor for an appropriate base size high school pursuant to Code Section
14 20-2-181 and to provide such equipment as essential to support an instructional program
15 authorized under Code Section 20-2-151.1 and subsection (b) of Code Section 43-13-10,
16 subject to appropriation by the General Assembly."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-257, relating to grants for
19 driver education courses for secondary school students, as follows:

20 "20-2-257.

21 ~~The State Board of Education shall provide public secondary schools and local school~~
22 ~~systems with grants, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly and pursuant to~~
23 ~~applications made at the discretion of such systems. The purpose of such grants shall be to~~
24 ~~support motor vehicle driver education courses and programs for secondary school~~
25 ~~students. The amount of such grants shall be reflective of the most recent counts of age 15,~~

1 ~~16, and 17 year old secondary school students in the public schools or local school systems.~~
2 ~~The public schools or local school systems receiving such grants may expend these funds~~
3 ~~only for purposes of providing driver education courses or programs to secondary school~~
4 ~~students. Such courses or programs may be provided directly by the local school system~~
5 ~~or by contract with a private driver education school licensed by Department of Public~~
6 ~~Safety. Such grants shall be supplemental to any other provision of state funds for such~~
7 ~~driver education courses or programs. The state board shall prescribe criteria, policies, and~~
8 ~~standards deemed necessary for the effective implementation of this Code section.~~
9 Reserved."

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SECTION 3.

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