

The House Committee on Higher Education offers the following substitute to HB 941:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to the board of regents, so as to change certain provisions relating to  
3 powers of the board to establish a program for senior citizens to attend classes in the  
4 University System of Georgia without payment of fees; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
9 relating to the board of regents, is amended by revising Code Section 20-3-31.1, relating to  
10 powers of the board to establish a program for senior citizens to attend classes in the  
11 University System of Georgia without payment of fees, as follows:

12 "20-3-31.1.

13 (a) The board of regents ~~is authorized and directed to~~ shall establish a program whereby  
14 citizens of this state who are ~~62~~ 60 years of age or older may attend units of the University  
15 System of Georgia without payment of tuition or other fees, except for supplies and  
16 laboratory or shop fees, when space is available in a course scheduled for resident credit.  
17 Such program shall not include attendance at classes in dental, medical, veterinary, or law  
18 schools. Persons who attend units of the University System of Georgia under the program  
19 established pursuant to this Code section shall not be counted as students by the board of  
20 regents for budgetary purposes. The board of regents shall adopt and promulgate rules and  
21 regulations, not inconsistent with this Code section, to carry out the provisions of this Code  
22 section.

23 (b) The program for senior citizens provided for by subsection (a) of this Code section  
24 ~~shall be a continuation, without interruption, of the program for elderly citizens heretofore~~  
25 ~~established by the board of regents pursuant to the requirements of Article VIII, Section~~  
26 ~~IV, Paragraph II of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1976. Such heretofore~~  
27 ~~established program is ratified, confirmed, and continued without the necessity of the~~

1 ~~reestablishment of such program by the board of regents.~~ is enacted pursuant to Article  
2 VIII, Section VII, Paragraph IV of the Constitution of Georgia."

3 **SECTION 2.**

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