

Senate Bill 497

By: Senators Williams of the 19th, Harp of the 29th, Weber of the 40th, Shafer of the 48th,  
Thomas of the 54th 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 the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to require local school systems which  
3 receive certain state funds to reassign its high school foreign language teachers to elementary  
4 school; to provide for applicability; to encourage local school systems to provide high school  
5 foreign language courses through virtual courses; to provide for related matters; to repeal  
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
10 "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:  
11 "20-2-190.

12 (a) As a condition of receiving funds under this article for salaries for foreign language  
13 teachers, a local school system shall:

14 (1) Reassign all foreign language teachers teaching in a high school, beginning in the  
15 2010-2011 school year, to elementary schools to teach foreign language; and

16 (2) Assign any newly hired foreign language teachers, no later than the 2010-2011  
17 school year, whose salaries are paid, either partially or wholly, with funds received  
18 pursuant to this article to elementary schools to teach foreign language.

19 (b) This Code section shall not apply to high school foreign language teachers whose  
20 salaries are paid wholly out of local funds.

21 (c) Local school systems shall be encouraged to make high school foreign language  
22 courses accessible to its students through the Georgia Virtual School established pursuant  
23 to Code Section 20-2-319.1 or by similar means."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.