

House Bill 250 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Maxwell of the 17th, Jones of the 46th, Rogers of the 26th, Casas of the 103rd, Dickson of the 6th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 10 of Article 17 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to professional standards, so as to revise certain provisions relating to
3 preliminary investigations of violations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
4 laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Part 10 of Article 17 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
8 relating to professional standards, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section
9 20-2-984.3, relating to preliminary investigations of violations, as follows:

10 "(a) Upon receipt of a written request from a local board, the state board, or one or more
11 individual residents of this state, the commission shall be authorized to investigate:

12 (1) Alleged violations by an educator of any law of this state pertaining to educators or
13 the profession of education;

14 (2) Alleged violations by an educator of the code of ethics of the commission;

15 (3) Alleged violations by an educator of rules, regulations, or policies of the state board
16 or the commission;

17 (4) Complaints alleging a failure by an educator to meet or comply with standards of
18 performance of the commission or the state board; or

19 (5) Complaints alleging that an educator has been convicted of any felony, ~~or~~ of any
20 crime involving moral turpitude, of any other criminal offense involving the manufacture,
21 distribution, trafficking, sale, or possession of a controlled substance or marijuana as
22 provided for in Chapter 13 of Title 16, or of any other sexual offense as provided for in
23 Code Section 16-6-1 through 16-6-17, 16-6-20, 16-6-22.2, or 16-12-100 in the courts of
24 this state or any other state, territory, or country or in the courts of the United States. As
25 used in this paragraph, the term 'convicted' shall include a finding or verdict of guilty or
26 a plea of nolo contendere, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been

1 sought; a situation where first offender treatment without adjudication of guilt pursuant
2 to the charge was granted; and a situation where an adjudication of guilt or sentence was
3 otherwise withheld or not entered on the charge or the charge was otherwise disposed of
4 in a similar manner in any jurisdiction."

5 **SECTION 2.**

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