

House Bill 1335 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-161 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 Quality Basic Education Formula, so as to change program weights for funding purposes; to  
3 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 SECTION 1.

6 Code Section 20-2-161 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Quality  
7 Basic Education Formula, is amended by revising subsection (b) as follows:

8 "(b) As the cost of instructional programs varies depending upon the teacher-student ratios  
9 and specific services typically required to address the special needs of students enrolled,  
10 state authorized instructional programs shall have the following program weights and  
11 teacher-student ratios:

12	(1) Kindergarten program .....	<del>1.6422</del>
13		<u>1.6587</u>
14		weight and
15		1 to 15
16		ratio
17	(2) Kindergarten early intervention program .....	<del>2.0248</del>
18		<u>2.0496</u>
19		weight and
20		1 to 11
21		ratio
22	(3) Primary grades program (1-3) .....	<del>1.2775</del>
23		<u>1.2855</u>
24		weight and
25		1 to 17
26		ratio

1	(4) Primary grades early intervention program (1-3) .....	<del>1.7838</del>
2		<u>1.8029</u>
3		weight and
4		1 to 11
5		ratio
6	(5) Upper elementary grades program (4-5) .....	<del>1.0290</del>
7		<u>1.0323</u>
8		weight and
9		1 to 23
10		ratio
11	(6) Upper elementary grades early intervention program (4-5) .....	<del>1.7774</del>
12		<u>1.7971</u>
13		weight and
14		1 to 11
15		ratio
16	(7) Middle grades program (6-8) .....	<del>1.0134</del>
17		<u>1.0162</u>
18		weight and
19		1 to 23
20		ratio
21	(8) Middle school program (6-8) as defined in Code Section 20-2-290 ...	<del>1.1164</del>
22		<u>1.1213</u>
23		weight and
24		1 to 20
25		ratio
26	(9) High school general education program (9-12) .....	1.0000
27		weight and
28		1 to 23
29		ratio
30	(10) Vocational laboratory program (9-12) .....	<del>1.1914</del>
31		<u>1.1847</u>
32		weight and
33		1 to 20
34		ratio

1	(11) Program for persons with disabilities:	
2	Category I .....	2.3706
3		<u>2.3940</u>
4		weight and
5		1 to 8
6		ratio
7	(12) Program for persons with disabilities:	
8	Category II .....	2.7773
9		<u>2.8156</u>
10		weight and
11		1 to 6.5
12		ratio
13	(13) Program for persons with disabilities:	
14	Category III .....	3.5356
15		<u>3.5868</u>
16		weight and
17		1 to 5
18		ratio
19	(14) Program for persons with disabilities:	
20	Category IV .....	5.7294
21		<u>5.8176</u>
22		weight and
23		1 to 3
24		ratio
25	(15) Program for persons with disabilities:	
26	Category V .....	2.4421
27		<u>2.4583</u>
28		weight and
29		1 to 8
30		ratio
31	(16) Program for intellectually gifted students:	
32	Category VI .....	<del>1.6521</del>
33		<u>1.6673</u>
34		weight and
35		1 to 12
36		ratio

1	(17) Remedial education program .....	<del>1.3031</del>
2		<u>1.3128</u>
3		weight and
4		1 to 15
5		ratio
6	(18) Alternative education program .....	<del>1.5871</del>
7		<u>1.6025</u>
8		weight and
9		1 to 15
10		ratio
11	(19) English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) program .....	<del>2.4948</del>
12		<u>2.5306</u>
13		weight and
14		1 to 7
15		ratio"

16 **SECTION 2.**  
 17 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.