

House Bill 1276

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-281 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 assessment of effectiveness of educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education  
3 Act," so as to provide for temporary waiver of specific assessments or grades if insufficient  
4 funds are appropriated for the student assessment program; to provide for statutory  
5 construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 20-2-281 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the assessment  
10 of effectiveness of educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is  
11 amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

12 "(q)(1) The State Board of Education shall be authorized to waive one or more  
13 assessments or specific grades of assessments required pursuant to this Code section in  
14 the event that the appropriations from the General Assembly for the student assessment  
15 program required pursuant to this Code section are insufficient to cover the costs of  
16 administering such program. Any such waiver shall be effective for a maximum of one  
17 school year. The General Assembly shall provide notice to the state board if the funding  
18 appropriated for the student assessment program is deemed to be insufficient.

19 (2) This subsection shall not be construed so as to authorize the impairment of any  
20 contracts or to relieve the state board or local school systems of any federal  
21 requirements."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.