

Senate Bill 298

By: Senators Seay of the 34th, Brown of the 26th, Butler of the 55th, Jones of the 10th, Fort of the 39th and others

**AS PASSED SENATE**

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-142 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 prescribed courses in education and the development and dissemination of instructional  
3 materials on the effects of alcohol and drug use, so as to require as a part of a course of study  
4 in secondary health education a course of study in basic first aid; to provide for related  
5 matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 20-2-142 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prescribed  
9 courses in education and the development and dissemination of instructional materials on the  
10 effects of alcohol and drug use, is amended by revising subsection (c) as follows:

11 "(c) The State Board of Education shall prescribe a course of study in health and physical  
12 education for all grades and grade levels in the public schools and shall establish minimum  
13 time requirements and standards for its administration. The course shall include instruction  
14 concerning the impact of alcohol, tobacco, and drug use upon health and instruction in  
15 basic first aid. A manual setting out the details of such courses of study shall be prepared  
16 or approved by the State School Superintendent in cooperation with the Department of  
17 Community Health, the state board, and such expert advisers as they may choose. The  
18 Department of Education is directed to assemble or develop instructional resources and  
19 materials concerning alcohol and drug abuse, taking into consideration technological  
20 enhancements available for utilization of such instructional resources."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2010.

23 **SECTION 3.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.