

House Bill 1397

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 6 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to employment under the "Quality Basic Education Act"; so as to enact  
3 the "Salary Protection Act"; to provide for legislative intent; to provide that state funding for  
4 salaries for school system personnel shall not be diverted to other uses; to provide that  
5 salaries shall not be subject to proration and that school system personnel shall not be subject  
6 to furloughs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Salary Protection Act."

10 **SECTION 2.**

11 The Georgia General Assembly finds that it is in the best interests of students, teachers, local  
12 school systems, and the education system as a whole to ensure that state appropriations  
13 designated for salary and benefits for school system personnel are reserved for those specific  
14 purposes.

15 **SECTION 3.**

16 Part 6 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
17 relating to employment under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended by adding a  
18 new Code section to read as follows:

19 "20-2-212.6.

20 (a) No state funds appropriated and allotted for salaries for school system personnel shall  
21 be transferred by any local board of education to any other purposes.

22 (b) In the event of budgetary shortfall, salaries for school system personnel shall not be  
23 subject to proration and school system personnel shall not be subject to furloughs."

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**SECTION 4.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.