

The Senate Education and Youth Committee offered the following substitute to SB 515:

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 "Educators' Salary Protection Act"; to provide for a short title; to prohibit furloughs of
4 local school system personnel when local reserve funds are available; to provide for a
5 definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

7 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Educators' Salary Protection Act."

SECTION 2.

9 Part 6 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
10 relating to employment under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended by adding a
11 new Code section to read as follows:
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13 "20-2-212.6.

14 (a) No local board of education shall furlough school system personnel if such local board
15 has an unencumbered amount on September 1 equal to or greater than 6 percent of that
16 year's total operating budget in a single reserve fund or reserve account established
17 pursuant to paragraph (5) of subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-167.

18 (b) In the event that a local board of education is subject to subsection (a) of this Code
19 section, such local board shall be required to utilize such reserve funds in that fiscal year
20 to participate in the Quality Basic Education Program.

21 (c) As used in this Code section, the term 'unencumbered' shall not include contractually
22 obligated amounts or amounts reserved for teacher and other school system personnel
23 salaries."

SECTION 3.

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.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