

House Bill 208

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as  
3 to provide for a bilingual certification on high school diplomas; to provide for related  
4 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
8 relating to educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended by  
9 adding a new Code section to read as follows:

10 "20-2-151.3.

11 (a) The State Board of Education shall establish requirements for the issuance of a  
12 bilingual certification on a high school diploma for graduating seniors who meet specified  
13 requirements. Such requirements shall include a passing grade on an approved test to  
14 demonstrate bilingual skills.

15 (b) Local boards of education shall indicate that a student has received bilingual  
16 certification on the diploma of any such student who has met the requirements established  
17 by the State Board of Education pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section."

18 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.