

House Bill 251

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 13 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to organization of schools and school systems under the "Quality Basic
3 Education Act," so as to provide that a public school student can attend any school in the
4 local school system under certain conditions; to provide for statutory construction; to provide
5 for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 13 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
9 relating to organization of schools and school systems under the "Quality Basic Education
10 Act," is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

11 "20-2-295.

12 (a) The parent or guardian of a student enrolled in a public elementary or secondary school
13 in this state may elect to enroll such student in a public school that is located within the
14 school system in which the student resides other than the one to which the student has been
15 assigned by the local board of education if such school has permanent classroom space
16 available after its assigned students have been enrolled. The parent or guardian shall
17 assume the responsibility and cost of transportation of the student to and from the school.

18 (b) Each local school system shall establish a universal, streamlined process to implement
19 the transfer requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section.

20 (c) This Code section shall not be construed to affect any student currently attending a
21 school other than the school to which the student has been assigned by the local board of
22 education pursuant to a transfer authorized under the federal No Child Left Behind Act
23 (P.L. 107-110). A student who transfers to another school pursuant to such act may
24 continue to attend that school and the school or schools to which it feeds until he or she
25 graduates from high school."

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SECTION 2.

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.