

House Bill 336

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164th and Dollar of the 45th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-281 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 assessment of effectiveness of educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education
3 Act," so as to provide for the establishment of testing windows for state assessments which
4 are relative to a local school system's school calendar; to provide for related matters; to
5 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Section 20-2-281 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the assessment of
9 effectiveness of educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended
10 by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

11 "(q) The State Board of Education shall establish a time frame for each of the following
12 assessments administered pursuant to this Code section such that the testing window for
13 each assessment varies for each local school system based on the start date for such school
14 system's school calendar:

15 (1) Criterion-referenced competency tests;

16 (2) End-of-course assessments;

17 (3) The high school graduation test, until such time as the State Board of Education
18 discontinues the use of the high school graduation test pursuant to paragraph (1) of
19 subsection (j) of this Code section;

20 (4) Norm-referenced assessments; and

21 (5) Writing assessments.

22 The testing windows established by the State Board of Education pursuant to this
23 subsection shall ensure that, to the extent practicable, the students in each local school
24 system shall have had equivalent days of instruction prior to each assessment."

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SECTION 2.

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.