

Senate Bill 210

By: Senators Johnson of the 1st, Hudgens of the 47th, Cowser of the 46th, Goggans of the 7th, Weber of the 40th and others

AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-306 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 honors program and residential high school program, so as to include home schooled students
3 among those students eligible to participate in the student honors program; to provide for
4 related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 20-2-306 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the honors
9 program and residential high school program, is amended by revising subsection (a) as
10 follows:

11 "(a) The State Board of Education is authorized to inaugurate an honors program for
12 students in the public and private high schools of this state and for resident students who
13 attend a home school program who have manifested exceptional abilities or unique
14 potentials or who have made exceptional academic achievements. This program shall be
15 conducted during summer months between normal ~~school-year~~ school year terms at
16 institutions of higher learning or other appropriate centers within this state with facilities
17 adequate to provide challenging opportunities for advanced study and accomplishments by
18 such students. The student honors program shall be implemented and operated in
19 accordance with criteria established by the state board, and operating costs shall be paid
20 by the state board from funds made available for this purpose by the General Assembly.
21 The state board is authorized to enter into cooperative agreements with the Board of
22 Regents of the University System of Georgia for operating and sharing the costs of such
23 programs."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
26 without such approval.

27 **SECTION 3.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.