

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-211 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 annual contracts for certificated personnel in elementary and secondary education, so as to  
3 temporarily extend certain deadlines; to provide for related matters; to provide for an  
4 effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 20-2-211 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual  
8 contracts for certificated personnel in elementary and secondary education, is amended by  
9 revising subsection (b) as follows:

10 "(b) Any other provisions of this article or any other laws to the contrary notwithstanding,  
11 each local governing board shall, by not later than April 15 of the current school year,  
12 tender a new contract for the ensuing school year to each teacher and other professional  
13 employee certificated by the Professional Standards Commission on the payroll of the local  
14 unit of administration at the beginning of the current school year, except those who have  
15 resigned or who have been terminated as provided in Part 7 of Article 17 of this chapter,  
16 or shall notify in writing each such teacher or other certificated professional employee of  
17 the intention of not renewing his or her contract for the ensuing school year; provided,  
18 however, that for school ~~year years~~ years 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012, and 2012-2013  
19 only, each local governing board shall have until May 15, ~~2009~~, of the current school year  
20 to tender such new contracts or provide such written notice. Such contracts when tendered  
21 to each teacher or other professional employee shall be complete in all terms and  
22 conditions of the contract, including the amount of compensation to be paid to such teacher  
23 or other professional employee during the ensuing school year, and shall not contain blanks  
24 or leave any terms and conditions of the contract open. A letter of intent or similar  
25 document shall not constitute a contract and shall not be construed to require or otherwise  
26 legally bind the teacher or other professional employee to return to such school system.

27 Upon request, a written explanation for failure to renew such contract shall be made  
28 available to such certificated personnel by the executive officer. When such notice of  
29 intended termination has not been given by April 15, or by May 15, ~~2009~~, for school year  
30 years 2009-2010 2010-2011, 2011-2012, and 2012-2013 only, the employment of such  
31 teacher or other certificated professional employee shall be continued for the ensuing  
32 school year unless the teacher or certificated professional employee elects not to accept  
33 such employment by notifying the local governing board or executive officer in writing not  
34 later than May 1, or by June 1, ~~2009~~, for school year years 2009-2010 2010-2011,  
35 2011-2012, and 2012-2013 only."

36 **SECTION 2.**

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

39 **SECTION 3.**

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