

House Bill 296

By: Representatives Clark of the 98th, Ramsey of the 72nd, Cooke of the 18th, England of the 108th, Harden of the 28th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 15 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to miscellaneous provisions for elementary and secondary education, so
3 as to provide for the collection of data pertaining to illegal and undocumented students; to
4 amend Code Section 31-7-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
5 provision of data for research purposes by organizations rendering patient care, so as to
6 provide for the collection of data pertaining to illegal and undocumented patients receiving
7 treatment in hospitals; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal
8 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

11 Part 15 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
12 relating to miscellaneous provisions for elementary and secondary education, is amended by
13 revising Code Section 20-2-321, relating to expense record requirements, as follows:

14 "20-2-321.

15 (a) The State Board of Education shall maintain, according to the specific data categories
16 defined by the task force created under Code Section 20-2-320, expenditure records for
17 each instructional program and other grant program under this article. As a part of its
18 annual budget request, the state board shall specify the teacher-student ratios for each of
19 the program weights and the cost components reflected in the base amount defined in
20 subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-161. Such information shall be made available to the
21 Appropriations Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate, the House
22 Education Committee, and the Senate Education and Youth Committee.

23 (b) The State Board of Education shall collect and maintain, and each local school board
24 shall provide no later than October 1 of each year, data on the number of students who are
25 illegal aliens and students unable to provide proof of citizenship. The state board shall
26 calculate and publish the total amount of expenditures, by school district, for illegal aliens

27 and undocumented students in grades kindergarten through 12 and the number of illegal
28 aliens and undocumented students in each school district. The report shall be compiled and
29 published on the state board's website no later than January 1 of each year."

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SECTION 2.

31 Code Section 31-7-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the provision of
32 data for research purposes by organizations rendering patient care, is amended by adding a
33 new subsection to read as follows:

34 "(d) The Department of Community Health shall collect and maintain data on the number
35 of patients receiving medical treatment who are illegal aliens and patients who are unable
36 to provide proof of citizenship. Any hospital, health care facility, medical or skilled
37 nursing home, or other organization rendering patient care shall provide to the department
38 information regarding patients who are illegal aliens or unable to provide proof of
39 citizenship, including the number of patients, the type of treatment received, the cost and
40 date of treatment, and the method of payment. The method of payment shall indicate
41 whether such payment was made in cash, by insurance, through Medicaid, left unpaid, or
42 other method of payment or nonpayment for each such patient. Information provided shall
43 not include the identity of the patient. The information required by this Code section shall
44 be provided by such patient care organizations annually not later than October 1 of each
45 year. The Department of Community Health shall then compile and publish such
46 information and provide calculation totals of the expenditures and payments and
47 nonpayments by hospital. The department's report shall be compiled and published on the
48 department's website not later than January 1 of each year."

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SECTION 3.

50 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2011.

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SECTION 4.

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