

## House Bill 296

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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 **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."

30 **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."

49 **SECTION 3.**

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

51 **SECTION 4.**

52 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.