

House Bill 651

By: Representatives Maxwell of the 17th, Dickson of the 6th, Ashe of the 56th, Amerson of the 9th, Neal of the 1st, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 elementary and secondary education, so as to repeal a Code section relating to additional
3 charter system earnings for each full-time equivalent student; to revise provisions for
4 purposes of conformity; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and
9 secondary education, is amended by repealing and reserving Code Section 20-2-165.1,
10 relating to charter system earnings for each full-time equivalent student, as follows:

11 "20-2-165.1.

12 ~~In addition to the amounts earned by a charter system pursuant to subsection (b) of Code~~
13 ~~Section 20-2-161, a charter system shall earn 3.785 percent of the base amount established~~
14 ~~pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-161 for each full-time equivalent student~~
15 ~~in each school within the charter system. Reserved.~~"

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-166, relating
18 to the calculation, allotment, and distribution of state funds, as follows:

19 "(a) The State Board of Education shall calculate the total amount of state funds to be
20 allotted to a local school system by:

- 21 (1) Adding the amount calculated for the local school system for grants authorized under
22 the provisions of this article which do not expressly involve a local share, except the state
23 school lunch grant pursuant to Code Section 20-2-187, to the amount calculated for the
24 local school system for the Quality Basic Education Formula pursuant to subsection (d)
25 of Code Section 20-2-161;

26 (2) Subtracting the amount of funds required by the local school system for local five
 27 mill share pursuant to Code Section 20-2-164 from the sum in paragraph (1) of this
 28 subsection; and

29 (3) Adding any equalization grant which may be earned pursuant to subsection (c) of
 30 Code Section 20-2-165, the state school lunch grant pursuant to Code Section 20-2-187,
 31 and the portion to be paid from state funds for all grant programs authorized by this
 32 article which involve a local share, except the Quality Basic Education Formula, to the
 33 difference in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the result being the amount of state funds
 34 which the state board shall allot over the course of the fiscal year to the local school
 35 system, except that the amount of state funds allotted may be increased by the midterm
 36 adjustment as provided in Code Section 20-2-162. The state board shall, to the extent
 37 necessary, reduce the amount of state funds to be allocated to local school systems in
 38 support of the Quality Basic Education Program or in support of any of the purposes for
 39 which state funds might be allotted to local school systems under this article if the
 40 amount of state funds appropriated in support of such program or in support of any one
 41 or more of the purposes for which allotments of funds are provided by this article is not
 42 adequate to finance the cost of the state portion of such program or such purposes,
 43 determined in accordance with this article; ~~and~~

44 ~~(4) If a charter system, adding any additional amount which may be earned pursuant to~~
 45 ~~Code Section 20-2-165.1."~~

46 **SECTION 3.**

47 Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 20-2-2090, relating to funding for
 48 commission charter schools, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) as follows:

49 "(1) QBE formula earnings, QBE grants, and federal grants earned by the commission
 50 charter school based on the school's enrollment, school profile, and student
 51 characteristics. QBE formula earnings shall include the salary portion of direct
 52 instructional costs, the adjustment for training and experience, the nonsalary portion of
 53 direct instructional costs, and earnings for psychologists and school social workers,
 54 school administration, facility maintenance and operation, media centers, additional days
 55 of instruction in accordance with Code Section 20-2-184.1, and staff development. ~~For~~
 56 ~~purposes of this paragraph, QBE formula earnings shall not include the additional amount~~
 57 ~~provided for in Code Section 20-2-165.1 earned by a charter system for full-time~~
 58 ~~equivalent students in its schools;"~~

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SECTION 4.

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