

House Bill 651 (AM)

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 revise a Code section relating to additional
3 charter system earnings for each full-time equivalent student; to provide a grandfather
4 provision; to revise provisions for purposes of conformity; to provide for related matters; to
5 repeal conflicting laws; and for 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 revising Code Section 20-2-165.1, relating to additional
10 charter system earnings for each full-time equivalent student, as follows:

11 "20-2-165.1.

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

16 (b) This Code section shall only apply to local school systems which were charter systems
17 as of January 1, 2012; provided, however, that such charter systems shall only be eligible
18 to receive funds pursuant to this Code section through the end of the term of their charter
19 which was in effect on January 1, 2012."

20 **SECTION 2.**

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

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

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

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

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

48 (4) If a charter system, adding any additional amount which may be earned pursuant to
 49 Code Section 20-2-165.1, as applicable pursuant to subsection (b) of such Code section."

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SECTION 3.

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

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

61 provided for in Code Section 20-2-165.1 earned by a charter system for full-time
62 equivalent students in its schools, as applicable pursuant to subsection (b) of such Code
63 section;"

64 **SECTION 4.**

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