

House Bill 581

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-319.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 the Georgia Virtual School, so as to provide that credit recovery courses are available to  
3 students who have withdrawn from a course due to an illness; to provide for related matters;  
4 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

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7 Code Section 20-2-319.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia  
8 Virtual School, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (b) as follows:

9 "(b)(1) The department is authorized to establish a Georgia Virtual School grant account  
10 with funds appropriated by the General Assembly. The department shall use funds from  
11 this grant account to pay for costs associated with the Georgia Virtual School incurred  
12 by the department, including, but not limited to, actual costs associated with the  
13 maintenance of the Georgia Virtual School, such as new course development, credit  
14 recovery, blended learning training, and operating a clearinghouse. For purposes of this  
15 paragraph, credit recovery, if offered, shall mean a program which provides students who  
16 have failed a course or have withdrawn from a course due to illness, as evidenced by a  
17 written statement from a physician, to retake such course."

**SECTION 2.**

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19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.