

The Senate Education and Youth Committee offered the following substitute to HB 405:

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 require members of governing boards of
3 nonprofit organizations which are charter petitioners, charter schools, and state charter
4 schools to participate in governance training; to provide for related matters; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

7 Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and
8 secondary education, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

9 "20-2-2072.

10 The members of the governing board of the nonprofit organization of each charter school
11 shall participate in initial training for boards of newly approved charter schools and annual
12 training thereafter, conducted or approved by the state board. The state board shall provide
13 for or approve such initial and annual training. For charter schools that are college and
14 career academies, as defined in subsection (b) of Code Section 20-4-37, the state board
15 shall provide or approve such training in conjunction with the Technical College System
16 of Georgia. The training shall include, but not be limited to, best practices on school
17 governance, the constitutional and statutory requirements relating to public records and
18 meetings, and the requirements of applicable statutes and rules and regulations."
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SECTION 2.

20 Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (12) of subsection (b) of Code Section
21 20-2-2083, relating to the powers and the duties of the State Charter Schools Commission,
22 as follows:

23 "(12) Provide for or approve initial training for boards of newly approved state charter
24 schools and annual training thereafter, as determined by the commission, for members
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26 of state charter school governing boards. For charter schools that are college and career
27 academies, as defined in subsection (b) of Code Section 20-4-37, the commission shall
28 provide or approve such training in conjunction with the Technical College System of
29 Georgia. The training shall include, but not be limited to, best practices on school
30 governance, the constitutional and statutory requirements relating to public records and
31 meetings, and the requirements of applicable statutes and rules and regulations."

32 **SECTION 3.**

33 Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (f) of Code Section 20-2-2084,
34 relating to state charter school requirements, as follows:

35 "(f) The members of the governing board of each state charter school shall participate in
36 initial training for boards of newly approved state charter schools and annual training
37 thereafter conducted or approved by the commission pursuant to paragraph (12) of
38 subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-2083."

39 **SECTION 4.**

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