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Senators Ligon of the 3rd, Hill of the 32nd, Crane of the 28th, Albers of the 56th and McKoon of the 29th offered the following amendment:

1 *Amend the Senate Education and Youth Committee substitute to HB 897 (LC 33 5645S) by*  
 2 *striking lines 27 through 33 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

3 *"(1) Implementing a ~~quality basic education curriculum~~ highly rigorous content standards*  
 4 *in public schools state wide ~~which ensures~~ to ensure that each student is provided ample*  
 5 *opportunity to develop knowledge and competencies necessary for lifelong learning as well*  
 6 *as the ~~competencies needed to maintain good physical and mental health, to participate~~*  
 7 *actively in the governing process and community activities, to protect the environment and*  
 8 *conserve public and private resources, and to be an effective worker and responsible citizen*  
 9 *of high character based upon a broad liberal arts education that will lead to educated*  
 10 *citizens equipped to preserve a self-governing republic of free people who are prepared for*  
 11 *postsecondary education and economic self-sufficiency in a globally competitive world;"*

12 *By striking line 40 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

13 *content standards that are age appropriate and comparable in quality to standards of states*  
 14 *or nations with highly rated nationally or internationally competitive test results which each*  
 15 *student should aspire that each student is expected to master prior to completion of the*

16 *By striking lines 44 and 45 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

17 *board shall adopt a ~~uniformly sequenced core curriculum~~ content standards beginning with*  
 18 *mathematics and English/language arts for grades students in kindergarten through grade 12*  
 19 *after a robust public process subject to Chapter 14 of Title 50, relating to open meetings, that*  
 20 *shall also include an announced public comment period of at least 90 days, during which*  
 21 *time public hearings shall take place in each congressional district and additional public*  
 22 *comment shall be received by mail or e-mail. Each local unit of administration shall include*

23 *By striking lines 49 and 50 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

24 *communities. Each local school system has the authority to develop and adopt its own*  
 25 *curricula without constraint.*

26 *By striking line 58 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

27 *programs; provided, however, that these institutions do not lower their current standards.*

28 *By striking lines 525 through 528 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

29 Education shall review, revise, and upgrade the ~~quality core curriculum~~ content standards at  
30 least once every five years in each of the four core subject areas, beginning with mathematics  
31 in the first year of review and English/language arts in the second year of review, without  
32 any obligation to common standards among any group of states. Following the adoption of  
33 ~~this revised curriculum~~ such content standards pursuant to the process established in Code  
34 Section 20-2-140, the State Board of Education shall contract for development of  
35 ~~criterion-referenced competency~~ state criterion based tests to measure the ~~quality core~~  
36 ~~curriculum~~ content standards. Except as explicitly required by federal law, the state board  
37 shall not adopt any assessment that measures or collects psychological, biometric, or  
38 affective data. The state board shall provide students the option of taking assessments  
39 through nonelectronic means. Such tests

40 *By striking "shall" on line 532 and inserting in its place "may".*

41 *By striking line 549 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

42 classroom, school, system, and state levels. The State Board of Education