

SENATE SUBSTITUTE TO HB 405:

AS PASSED SENATE

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 amend Code Section 20-2-157 of the Official
 5 Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to a uniform reporting system for certain purposes and
 6 academic eligibility requirements to receive a HOPE scholarship, so as to require local
 7 school systems to calculate and provide a grade point average for freshman, sophomore, and
 8 junior students for purposes of determining HOPE eligibility; to provide for related matters;
 9 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

11 **SECTION 1.**

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

14 "20-2-2072.

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

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SECTION 2.

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

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

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SECTION 3.

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

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

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SECTION 3A.

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Code Section 20-2-157 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to a uniform reporting system for certain purposes and academic eligibility requirements to receive a HOPE scholarship, is amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

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"(g) At the conclusion of each school year, the local school system shall provide to each freshman, sophomore, and junior student or to his or her parent or guardian the grade point average calculated by the Georgia Student Finance Commission in accordance with the provisions of this Code section for determining HOPE eligibility."

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SECTION 4.

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