

House Bill 701

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-144 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 mandatory instruction concerning alcohol and drug use, so as to require at least 12 hours of
3 instruction in alcohol and drug use prevention for students in grades three through 12; to
4 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 20-2-144 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mandatory
8 instruction concerning alcohol and drug use, is amended by revising subsection (a) as
9 follows:

10 "(a) Each local board of education shall prescribe mandatory instruction concerning
11 alcohol and other drug use such that each local board of education shall provide a minimum
12 of 12 hours of alcohol and drug use prevention curricula in every year in every grade from
13 ~~kindergarten~~ grade three through grade 12 as shall be determined by the State Board of
14 Education. Such course of study shall implement the minimum course of study provided
15 for in subsection (b) of this Code section or its equivalent, as approved by the State Board
16 of Education. Each local board of education may supplement the exact approach of content
17 areas of such minimum course of study with such curriculum standards as it may deem
18 appropriate. Such standards shall include instruction which discourages the use of alcohol,
19 tobacco, and controlled substances and communicates that the use of illicit drugs and
20 improper use of legally obtained drugs is wrong and dangerous."

21 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.