

Senate Bill 287

By: Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to other educational programs, so as to require that a specialized home
3 room class be available for at-risk students; to provide for related matters; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
8 relating to other educational programs, is amended by revising Code Section 20-2-308,
9 designated as reserved, as follows:

10 "20-2-308.

11 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'at-risk student' means any student characterized
12 by poverty, high absenteeism, academic failure, pregnancy, disruptive behavior, or other
13 dysfunctions; provided, however, that such term shall not include any student who is
14 eligible for special education services as provided for under Code Section 20-2-152.

15 (b) For every secondary school in which there is a home room class period, every local
16 board of education shall provide for a home room class to be composed of at-risk students
17 wherein such at-risk students shall receive specialized tutoring, mentoring, career path
18 coaching, or other support services which will encourage successful completion of high
19 school diploma requirements. Participation by an at-risk student in such home room class
20 shall be voluntary."

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

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.