

Senate Bill 310

By: Senators Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Martin of the 9th, Hill of the 6th, Shafer of the 48th, Albers of the 56th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions relative to education, so as to prohibit the implementation of
3 certain grants affecting education policy regarding pre-kindergarten through grade 12
4 education until a written analysis is provided and the grant terms are ratified by the General
5 Assembly; to provide for a definition; to provide for a short title; to provide for related
6 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Transparency in Education Act."

10 **SECTION 2.**

11 Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
12 general provisions relative to education, is amended by adding a new Code section to read
13 as follows:

14 "20-1-11.

15 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'grant' means any competitive grant over \$20
16 million.

17 (b) No department, agency, or official of the state shall implement the terms of any grant
18 pertaining to or affecting pre-kindergarten through grade 12 education which would result
19 in the establishment or alteration of education policy for public education in this state
20 unless:

21 (1) The General Assembly is provided a written analysis of the following:

22 (A) Long-term projections of unfunded costs resulting from the implementation of the
23 grant for both the state and local boards of education, with projections covering at least
24 three years after the expiration of the grant period;

25 (B) The impact on state and local education policy, including any resulting line of
26 accountability or transfer of governing control of any aspect of education from state or

27 local officials to any entity inside or outside this state, whether the federal government,
28 a private corporation or association, or any other entity;
29 (C) The purpose and effect of the grant program, including its effect on and
30 interrelationship with any existing education program or policy currently operating
31 within this state;
32 (D) All compliance mandates and policy directives associated with satisfying the terms
33 of the grant; and
34 (E) Any laws that must be passed or rescinded to comply with the terms of the grant,
35 including budgetary considerations; and
36 (2) The grant terms are ratified by the General Assembly. Such ratification shall be by
37 Act of the General Assembly or the adoption of a joint resolution by the General
38 Assembly."

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SECTION 3.

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