

Senate Bill 353

By: Senators Watson of the 1st, Martin of the 9th, Unterman of the 45th, Shafer of the 48th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 31 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the
2 "Charter Schools Act of 1998," so as to limit training for governing board members of
3 charter schools to six hours per year; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
4 laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

7 Article 31 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Charter
8 Schools Act of 1998," is amended by revising Code Section 20-2-2072, relating to training
9 for board members, as follows:

10 "20-2-2072.

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

21 SECTION 2.

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.