

Senator Ligon of the 3rd offered the following amendment:

ADOPTED

1 *Amend 659 by inserting after "purposes;" on line 11 the following:*

2 to amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
3 relating to general provisions relative to education, so as to provide for written notice prior
4 to applying for certain grants affecting education policy regarding pre-kindergarten through
5 grade 12 education; to provide for a short title; to provide for a definition;

6 *By inserting between lines 12 and 13 the following:*

7 **SECTION 1A.**

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

11 "20-1-11.

12 (a) This Code section shall be known and may be cited as the 'Transparency in Education
13 Act.'

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

16 (c) Any department, agency, or official of the state applying for a grant pertaining to or
17 affecting pre-kindergarten through grade 12 education which would result in the
18 establishment or alteration of education policy for public education in this state shall, at
19 least 30 days prior to submitting the grant application, provide a written analysis of the
20 following to all members of the Senate Education and Youth Committee and the House
21 Committee on Education:

22 (1) 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 (2) 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 (3) The purpose and effect of the grant program, including its effect on and
30 interrelationship with any existing education program or policy currently operating within
31 this state;

- 32 (4) All compliance mandates and policy directives associated with satisfying the terms
33 of the grant; and
- 34 (5) Any laws that must be passed or rescinded to comply with the terms of the grant,
35 including budgetary considerations."