ADOPTED

Amend the substitute to HB 659 (LC 33 6618S) by inserting on line 11 after "purposes;" the following: to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to revise provisions relating to standards for local school board members;

By inserting between lines 12 and 13 the following:

SECTION 1

Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended by revising Code Section 20-2-49, relating to standards for local school board members, as follows:
"20-2-49.
The General Assembly finds that local boards of education play a critical role in setting the policies that lead to the operation and success of local school systems. School board members hold special roles as trustees of public funds, including local, state, and federal funds, while they focus on the singular objective of ensuring each student in the local school system receives a quality ~~basic~~ education enabling the student to fulfill his or her God-given potential and equipping him or her for full citizenship in our constitutional republic. Board duties require ~~specialized~~ skills and training in the performance of vision setting, policy making, approving multimillion dollar budgets, and hiring a qualified superintendent. The motivation to serve as a member of a local board of education should be the improvement of schools, which should include maintaining accreditation, and the academic achievement of all students, and the effective representation of parents' and other constituents' interests in the operation of the local school system. Service on a local board of education is important citizen ~~service. Given~~ service and representation, given the specialized nature and unique role of membership on a local board of education., ~~this elected office should be characterized and treated differently from other elected offices where the primary duty is independently to represent constituent views. Local board of education members should abide by~~

And by renumbering Sections accordingly