

Senate Bill 139

By: Senators Hill of the 6th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Williams of the 27th, Stone of the 23rd, Millar of the 40th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-159.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 focused programs of study, so as to provide for a pathway in leadership; to provide for state
3 models and content standards for a pathway in leadership; to provide for related matters; to
4 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Code Section 20-2-159.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to focused
8 programs of study, is amended as follows:

9 "20-2-159.1.

10 ~~(a) The No later than July 1, 2013, the~~ Department of Education shall develop, and the
11 State Board of Education shall approve, state models and content standards for the
12 following focused programs of study, as defined in Code Section 20-2-326, including, but
13 not limited to:

- 14 (1) Agriculture, food, and natural resources;
- 15 (2) Architecture and construction;
- 16 (3) Arts, audio-video technology, and communications;
- 17 (4) Business, management, and administration;
- 18 (5) Education and training;
- 19 (6) Finance;
- 20 (7) Health science;
- 21 (8) Hospitality and tourism;
- 22 (9) Human services;
- 23 (10) Information technology;
- 24 (11) Law, public safety, and security;
- 25 (12) Manufacturing;
- 26 (13) Government and public administration;
- 27 (14) Marketing, sales, and service;

28 (15) Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; ~~and~~

29 (16) Transportation, distribution, and logistics; and

30 (17) Leadership.

31 Such focused programs of study may be combined around these and other related clusters.

32 (b) State models and content standards for the leadership focused program of study

33 provided for in paragraph (17) of subsection (a) of this Code section shall be developed by

34 the Department of Education and approved by the State Board of Education no later than

35 July 1, 2018. Local school systems and charter schools shall be authorized to develop and

36 submit content standards for the leadership focused program of study for approval by the

37 State Board of Education."

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SECTION 2.

39 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.