

The House Committee on Education offers the following substitute to HB 114:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-161.3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 the "Move on When Ready Act" and dual credit courses, so as to prohibit local school
3 systems from excluding students in dual credit courses from valedictorian or salutatorian
4 determinations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 20-2-161.3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Move
9 on When Ready Act" and dual credit courses, is amended by revising subsection (f) as
10 follows:

11 "(f)(1) A participating eligible high school shall grant secondary credit to an eligible high
12 school student enrolled in a dual credit course in an eligible postsecondary institution if
13 such student successfully completes that course. The secondary credit granted shall be
14 for a comparable required course; career, technical, and agricultural education course; or
15 elective course. Upon completion of an eligible postsecondary institution's dual credit
16 course, the eligible high school student shall be responsible for requesting that the eligible
17 postsecondary institution notify the student's eligible high school regarding his or her
18 grade in that course.

19 (2) Secondary credits granted for eligible postsecondary institution dual credit courses
20 under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be counted by the eligible high school toward
21 graduation requirements and subject area requirements of the eligible high school.
22 Evidence of successful completion of each dual credit course and secondary credits
23 granted shall be included in the eligible high school student's secondary school records.

24 (3) A participating eligible high school shall be required to award a high school diploma
25 to any eligible high school student who is enrolled at or through an eligible postsecondary
26 institution under the program as long as the credit earned at or through such

27 postsecondary institution satisfies course requirements needed for the eligible high school
 28 student to complete high school graduation. The State Board of Education, in
 29 consultation with the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia and the
 30 Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, shall determine appropriate
 31 courses to meet these requirements. No later than July 1, 2015, the Department of
 32 Education shall communicate to high schools the subject area requirements or elective
 33 courses that may be satisfied with dual credit courses provided by eligible postsecondary
 34 institutions, which shall include completion of:

35 (A) At least the following state required ninth and tenth grade level high school courses
 36 or their equivalent: two English courses, two mathematics courses, two science courses,
 37 two social studies courses, and one health and physical education course; and any state
 38 required tests associated with any such courses; and

39 (B) One of the following:

40 (i) An associate degree program;

41 (ii) A technical college diploma program and all postsecondary academic education
 42 and technical education and training prerequisites for any state, national, or industry
 43 occupational certifications or licenses required to work in the field; or

44 (iii) At least two technical college certificate of credit programs in one specific career
 45 pathway and all postsecondary academic education and technical education and
 46 training prerequisites for any state, national, or industry occupational certifications or
 47 licenses required to work in the field as determined by the Technical College System
 48 of Georgia.

49 (4) No local school system that receives funding under this article shall exclude eligible
 50 high school students taking one or more dual credit courses pursuant to this Code section
 51 from eligibility determinations for valedictorian and salutatorian of a participating
 52 eligible high school; provided, however, that this shall not apply to a high school student
 53 who moves into the local school system after his or her sophomore year and has not taken
 54 any courses on site at the participating eligible high school."

55 **SECTION 2.**

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