

Senate Bill 260

By: Senator Mullis of the 53rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-984.3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 investigations by the Professional Standards Commission of alleged violations by educators,  
3 so as to provide for complaints from certain educators and parents that are not residents of  
4 this state; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

7 Code Section 20-2-984.3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
8 investigations by the Professional Standards Commission of alleged violations by educators,  
9 is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

10 "(a) Upon receipt of a written request from a local board, the state board, or one or more  
11 individual residents of this state, another educator who is employed by a local school  
12 system in this state regardless of whether such educator is a resident of this state, or the  
13 parent of a student in a public school in this state regardless of whether the parent is a  
14 resident of this state, the commission shall be authorized to investigate:

15 (1) Alleged violations by an educator of any law of this state pertaining to educators or  
16 the profession of education;

17 (2) Alleged violations by an educator of the code of ethics of the commission;

18 (3) Alleged violations by an educator of rules, regulations, or policies of the state board  
19 or the commission;

20 (4) Complaints alleging a failure by an educator to meet or comply with standards of  
21 performance of the commission or the state board; or

22 (5) Complaints alleging that an educator has been convicted of any felony, of any crime  
23 involving moral turpitude, of any other criminal offense involving the manufacture,  
24 distribution, trafficking, sale, or possession of a controlled substance or marijuana as  
25 provided for in Chapter 13 of Title 16, or of any other sexual offense as provided for in  
26 Code Sections 16-6-1 through 16-6-17 or Code Section 16-6-20, 16-6-22.2, or 16-12-100

27 in the courts of this state or any other state, territory, or country or in the courts of the  
28 United States. As used in this paragraph, the term 'convicted' shall include a finding or  
29 verdict of guilty or a plea of nolo contendere, regardless of whether an appeal of the  
30 conviction has been sought; a situation where first offender treatment without  
31 adjudication of guilt pursuant to the charge was granted; and a situation where an  
32 adjudication of guilt or sentence was otherwise withheld or not entered on the charge or  
33 the charge was otherwise disposed of in a similar manner in any jurisdiction."

34 **SECTION 2.**

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