

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth offered the following substitute to SB 139:

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 submission of additional pathways to the  
3 State Board of Education for consideration; to provide for related matters; to repeal  
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

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

8 "20-2-159.1.

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

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

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

29 (16) Transportation, distribution, and logistics.

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

31 (b) Local school systems, charter schools, and college and career academies shall be  
32 authorized to develop and submit additional pathways, including recommended content  
33 standards and curriculum, for consideration by the State Board of Education. The  
34 Department of Education shall review and recommend approval or denial of any new  
35 pathway to the State Board of Education within 90 days of submission of such pathway for  
36 consideration."

37 **SECTION 2.**

38 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.