

House Bill 114 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

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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.