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Representatives Turner of the 21st and Brockway of the 102nd offer the following amendment:

1 *Amend the House Committee on Education substitute to SB 139 (LC 33 7403S) by adding*
 2 *after "reporting;" on line 6 the following:*

3 to amend Code Section 20-2-2114 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
 4 qualifications for the Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Program, so as to revise the prior
 5 school year requirement;

6 *By inserting between lines 57 and 58 the following:*

7 **SECTION 2.**

8 Code Section 20-2-2114 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to qualifications
 9 for the Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Program, is amended by revising paragraph (3)
 10 of subsection (a) as follows:

11 "(3) The student:

12 (A) Has spent the prior school year in attendance at a Georgia public school; provided,
 13 however, that this requirement shall not apply if:

14 (i) The the student's parent is an active duty military service member stationed in
 15 Georgia within the previous year; or

16 (ii) The student previously qualified for a scholarship pursuant to this paragraph; and

17 (B) Has an Individualized Education Program written in accordance with federal and
 18 state laws and regulations; provided, however, that the State Board of Education shall
 19 be authorized to require a local board of education to expedite the development of an
 20 Individualized Education Program and to waive the prior school year requirement
 21 contained in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, in its sole discretion, on a case-by-case
 22 basis for specific medical needs of the student upon the request of a parent or guardian
 23 in accordance with state board procedures. If an expedited Individualized Education
 24 Program is required by the state board pursuant to this subparagraph, the state board
 25 may additionally require such expedited process to be completed prior to the beginning
 26 of the school year. The State Board of Education shall provide an annual report by
 27 December 31 of each year through December 31, 2015, regarding the number of
 28 waivers approved pursuant to this paragraph to the General Assembly;"

29 *By redesignating Section 2 as Section 3.*