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Representatives Cantrell of the 22nd and Jones of the 47th offer the following amendment:

1 *Amend SB 401 (LC 33 7316S (SCS)) by inserting after "repeal;" on line 7 the following:*

2 to provide for annual age-appropriate sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention
3 education in kindergarten through grade 9; to provide that professional learning may
4 include programs on sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention; to provide that
5 in-service training shall include programs on sexual abuse and assault awareness and
6 prevention for certain professional personnel;

7 *By inserting between lines 88 and 89 the following:*

8 **SECTION 2A.**

9 Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-143, relating to sex education
10 and AIDS prevention instruction, implementation, and student exemption, as follows:

11 "20-2-143.

12 (a) Each local board of education shall prescribe a course of study in sex education and
13 AIDS prevention instruction for such grades and grade levels in the public school system
14 as shall be determined by the State Board of Education. Such course of study shall
15 implement either the minimum course of study provided for in subsection (b) of this Code
16 section or its equivalent, as approved by the State Board of Education. Each local board
17 of education shall be authorized to supplement and develop the exact approach of content
18 areas of such minimum course of study with such specific curriculum standards as it may
19 deem appropriate. Such standards shall include instruction relating to the handling of peer
20 pressure, the promotion of high self-esteem, local community values, the legal
21 consequences of parenthood, and abstinence from sexual activity as an effective method
22 of prevention of pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and acquired immune deficiency
23 syndrome.

24 (b) The State Board of Education shall prescribe a minimum course of study in sex
25 education and AIDS prevention instruction which may be included as a part of a course of
26 study in comprehensive health education for such grades and grade levels in the public
27 school system as shall be determined by the state board and shall establish standards for
28 its administration. The course may include instruction concerning human biology,
29 conception, pregnancy, birth, sexually transmitted diseases, and acquired immune
30 deficiency syndrome. The course shall include instruction concerning the legal
31 consequences of parenthood, including, without being limited to, the legal obligation of
32 both parents to support a child and legal penalties or restrictions upon failure to support a

33 child, including, without being limited to, the possible suspension or revocation of a
 34 parent's driver's license and occupational or professional licenses. The course shall also
 35 include annual age-appropriate sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention
 36 education in kindergarten through grade 9. A manual setting out the details of such course
 37 of study shall be prepared by or approved by the State School Superintendent in
 38 cooperation with the Department of Public Health, the State Board of Education, and such
 39 expert advisers as they may choose.

40 (c) The minimum course of study to be prescribed by the State Board of Education
 41 pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section shall be ready for implementation not later
 42 than July 1, 1988. Each local board shall implement either such minimum course of study
 43 or its equivalent not later than July 1, 1989. Any local board of education which fails to
 44 comply with this subsection shall not be eligible to receive any state funding under this
 45 article until such minimum course of study or its equivalent has been implemented.

46 (d) Any parent or legal guardian of a child to whom the course of study set forth in this
 47 Code section is to be taught shall have the right to elect, in writing, that such child not
 48 receive such course of study."

49 **SECTION 2B.**

50 Said article is further amended in Code Section 20-2-200, relating to the regulation of
 51 certificated professional personnel by the Professional Standards Commission, by revising
 52 paragraph (4) of subsection (b) as follows:

53 "(4) Requirements for certification renewal shall be established to foster ongoing
 54 professional learning, enhance student achievement, and verify standards of ethical
 55 conduct; provided, however, that from July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2017, no
 56 professional learning requirements shall be required for certificate renewal for clear
 57 renewable certificates for certificated personnel or for certificate renewal for
 58 paraprofessionals. Such requirements may include, but are not limited to, professional
 59 learning related to school improvement plans or the applicant's field of certification and
 60 background checks. Such requirements may also include participating in or presenting
 61 at in-service training programs on sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention.

62 Should the Professional Standards Commission include a requirement to demonstrate
 63 computer skill competency, the rules and regulations shall provide that a certificated
 64 educator may elect to meet the requirement by receiving satisfactory results on a test in
 65 basic computer skill competency. If a certificated educator elects to take such test
 66 pursuant to this paragraph, the local school system by which such educator is employed
 67 shall make available the opportunity to take the test on site at the school in which the
 68 educator is assigned. Each principal shall identify an administrator on site at each school

69 to serve as a proctor for individuals taking the test pursuant to this paragraph. Individuals
70 holding a valid Georgia life certificate or a valid National Board for Professional
71 Teaching Standards certificate shall be deemed to have met state renewal requirements
72 except those related to background checks."

73 **SECTION 2C.**

74 Said article is further amended in Code Section 20-2-201, relating to specific course
75 requirements, in-service or continuing education, and online offerings, by revising
76 subsection (b) as follows:

77 "(b) Each local unit of administration shall be required to provide all professional
78 personnel certificated by the Professional Standards Commission 12 clock hours of
79 in-service or continuing education in each calendar year, or meet requirements of the
80 Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Such in-service programs shall be
81 developed by the local unit of administration in conjunction with such agencies as regional
82 educational service agencies, colleges and universities, and other appropriate organizations.
83 These programs shall be designed to address identified needs determined by appropriate
84 personnel evaluation instruments. These programs shall also focus on improving the skills
85 of certificated personnel that directly relate to improving student achievement, as reflected
86 in the revised certification renewal rules established by the Professional Standards
87 Commission pursuant to paragraph (4.1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-200
88 regarding the impact of professional learning on student achievement. These programs
89 shall also include in-service training programs on sexual abuse and assault awareness and
90 prevention for professional personnel that will be providing instruction in annual
91 age-appropriate sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention education in
92 kindergarten through grade nine pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-143.
93 Records of attendance shall be maintained by local units of administration and shall be
94 monitored by appropriate Department of Education staff."