

House Bill 179

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-14-33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 indicators of quality of learning in individual schools and school systems, so as to provide
3 that the school climate rating does not include discipline data; to provide for related matters;
4 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 20-14-33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to indicators of
8 quality of learning in individual schools and school systems, is amended by revising
9 subsection (c) as follows:

10 "(c) Performance on the indicators of quality of learning, financial efficiency, school
11 climate, and any other indicators the office adopts shall be compared to state standards,
12 progress on improved student achievement, and comparable performance. The standards
13 for comparison shall be established by the office as provided in Code Section 20-14-31, in
14 coordination with the Department of Education. Data and information regarding the
15 standards shall be included in the annual report provided for in paragraph (2) of subsection
16 (a) of Code Section 20-14-27. Financial efficiency may include an analysis of how federal
17 and state funds spent by local school systems impact student achievement and school
18 improvement, and components used to determine financial efficiency may include actual
19 achievement, resource efficiency, and student participation in standardized testing. School
20 climate determinations may utilize data from student health surveys, ~~data on environmental~~
21 ~~and behavior indicators, data on student behavioral and school-based reactions,~~ and teacher
22 and parent survey instruments; provided, however, that school climate determinations shall
23 not include student discipline data. Financial efficiency and school climate shall have one
24 of the following star ratings based upon the factors included in this subsection, as further
25 defined by rules and regulations of the office:

- 26 (1) '5-star' schools ranked excellent according to the state determined financial efficiency
27 or school climate index, as appropriate;
- 28 (2) '4-star' schools ranked above average according to the state determined financial
29 efficiency or school climate index, as appropriate;
- 30 (3) '3-star' schools ranked average according to the state determined financial efficiency
31 or school climate index, as appropriate;
- 32 (4) '2-star' schools ranked below satisfactory according to the state determined financial
33 efficiency or school climate index, as appropriate; or
- 34 (5) '1-star' schools ranked unsatisfactory according to the state determined financial
35 efficiency or school climate index, as appropriate."

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SECTION 2.

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