

Senate Bill 354

By: Senators Parent of the 42nd, Harrell of the 40th, Karinshak of the 48th, Jordan of the 6th, Butler of the 55th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 1A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions regarding early care and learning, so as to include participation
3 in a four-year degree program as a state approved activity for purposes of the Georgia
4 Childcare and Parent Services program; to provide for a definition; to provide for related
5 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 1 of Chapter 1A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 general provisions regarding early care and learning, is amended by adding a new Code
10 section to read as follows:

11 "20-1A-19.

12 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'CAPS program' means the Georgia Childcare
13 and Parent Services (CAPS) program conducted by the department to assist low-income
14 families with the cost of child care so long as they meet the state approved activity
15 requirements through employment, education, or job search.

16 (b) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations that authorize participation in
17 a four-year Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree program as a state approved
18 activity for purposes of eligibility for the CAPS program.

19 (c) The department shall take any necessary steps, including, but not limited to, submission
20 of an amendment to the Georgia child care plan to effectuate such change."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.