Senate Bill 387
By: Senator Jordan of the 6th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 20-2-187 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state-wide school lunch program, instruction in nutrition, hygiene, etiquette, and social graces, and school food and nutrition personnel, so as to authorize the State Board of Education to promulgate rules and regulations for a course of instruction in nutrition, hygiene, etiquette, and social graces relating to the preparation of food; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations for the distribution of surplus prepared food to students, including, but not limited to, students dealing with hunger or food insecurity issues; to require such rules and regulations to meet or exceed federal and state food service standards; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 20-2-187 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state-wide school lunch program, instruction in nutrition, hygiene, etiquette, and social graces, and school food and nutrition personnel, is amended by revising subsection (b) follows:

"(b)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'surplus prepared food' means food that has been prepared in whole or in part by students as part of a course of instruction relating to the preparation of food and that is suitable for serving and consumption but is not served as part of such course of instruction.

(2) The State Board of Education is authorized to prescribe by appropriate rules and regulations that there may be included as part of the program of every public school in this state a course of instruction in nutrition, hygiene, etiquette, and the social graces relating to the preparation and partaking of meals and is further authorized to allot funds, in a manner consistent with the funding for the other various components of the instructional program, to local units of administration for costs directly associated with this program. There may be utilized in the course of instruction the full resources..."
available to each individual school, including its cafeterias, school lunch personnel, and all practical demonstrations in the preparation and consumption of food which may be necessary to formulate a comprehensive course of instruction in such subject matter. Any period of the school day may be utilized for the teaching of this course of instruction, including that period usually reserved for the lunch period.

(3) With respect to any course of instruction relating to the preparation of food, the State Board of Education shall prescribe by appropriate rules and regulations how individual schools may distribute surplus prepared food to students at the school, including, but not limited to, students dealing with hunger or food insecurity issues. Any such rules and regulations shall give clear guidance as to food safety requirements, including, but not limited to, proper food handling, service, preparation, and storage, which meet or exceed applicable federal guidelines and food service rules promulgated by the Department of Public Health."

SECTION 2.

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