

Senate Bill 416

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Miller of the 49th, Dugan of the 30th, Kennedy of the 18th, Walker III of the 20th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-4-37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 Office of College and Career Transitions and powers and duties, so as to change the name
3 of the Office of College and Career Transitions to the Office of College and Career
4 Academies; to provide for the appointment and duties of a director of said office; to provide
5 for the approval of advisers to the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia;
6 to provide for collaboration between the office and certain entities to support efforts to recruit
7 new industries and expand existing industries; to provide for related matters; to provide for
8 an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

10 Code Section 20-4-37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Office of
11 College and Career Transitions and powers and duties, is amended by revising subsections
12 (b), (c), and (k) and by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

13 (b) As used in this Code section, the term:

14 (1) 'Board' means the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia.

15 (2) 'Certification' means a formal process established by the Office of College and Career
16 ~~Transitions~~ Academies, and approved by the board, in which college and career
17 academies successfully demonstrate appropriate levels of student achievement,
18 community sustainability, work force development, and school level governance.

19 (3) 'Charter petitioner' means a local board of education, group of local boards of
20 education, private individual, private organization, state or local public entity, or any
21 group of these that submits a petition for a charter in cooperation with one or more
22 postsecondary institutions which have petitioned to establish a college and career
23 academy as a charter school pursuant to Article 31 or Article 31A of Chapter 2 of this
24 title.
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26 (4) 'Charter school' shall mean the schools included in paragraph (3) of Code Section
27 20-2-2062 and in paragraph (5) of Code Section 20-2-2081.

28 (5) 'College and career academy' means a specialized school established as a charter
29 school or pursuant to a contract for a strategic waivers school system or charter system,
30 which formalizes a partnership that demonstrates a collaboration between business,
31 industry, and community stakeholders to advance work force development between one
32 or more local boards of education, a private individual, a private organization, or a state
33 or local public entity in cooperation with one or more postsecondary institutions. A
34 charter school, charter system, or strategic waivers school system contract establishing
35 a college and career academy shall include provisions requiring that the college and
36 career academy have a governing board reflective of the school community and the
37 partnership with decision-making authority and requiring that governing board members
38 complete initial and annual governance training, including, but not limited to, best
39 practices on school governance, the constitutional and statutory requirements relating to
40 public records and meetings, and the requirements of applicable statutes and rules and
41 regulations.

42 (6) 'Office' means the Office of College and Career ~~Transitions~~ Academies established
43 pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section.

44 (7) 'Postsecondary institution' means a local technical college, community college,
45 university, or other postsecondary institution operating under the authority of the
46 Technical College System of Georgia or the University System of Georgia or other not
47 for profit postsecondary institution accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges
48 and Schools.

49 (8) 'Start-up costs' means initial operating or capital costs, including, but not limited to,
50 costs of improving real property.

51 (9) 'Supplemental funding' means funding for purposes other than start-up costs which
52 are related to the establishment and operation of college and career academies.

53 (c)(1) The Office of College and Career ~~Transitions~~ Academies shall be established
54 within the Technical College System of Georgia to coordinate the efforts by the State
55 Board of Education, the University System of Georgia, the Technical College System of
56 Georgia, and other not for profit postsecondary institutions accredited by the Southern
57 Association of Colleges and Schools in the professional development, curriculum
58 support, and development and establishment of college and career academies.

59 (2) The commissioner of the Technical College System of Georgia shall appoint a
60 director of the office, who shall be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the office
61 and other duties as assigned by the commissioner of the Technical College System of
62 Georgia."

63 "(k) Subject to approval by the commissioner of the Technical College System of Georgia,
64 representatives ~~Representatives~~ from college and career academies; business, industry,
65 civic, and governmental agencies; and educational organizations which ~~are designated by~~
66 ~~the commissioner of the Technical College System of Georgia~~ support the work of college
67 and career academies shall advise the director and the board on matters pertaining to ~~both~~
68 the certification, ~~and~~ governance, grants, and work force efforts of college and career
69 academies.

70 (l) The office shall collaborate with the Technical College System of Georgia, the State
71 Workforce Development Board, and the Department of Economic Development to support
72 efforts to recruit new industries and to expand existing industries by, but not limited to,
73 demonstrating the preparation of technically skilled high school graduates to be ready to
74 work within existing industries or industries being recruited to the state."

75 **SECTION 2.**

76 This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2021.

77 **SECTION 3.**

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