

Senate Bill 486

By: Senators Martin of the 9th, Brass of the 28th, Stone of the 23rd, Thompson of the 14th, Rahman of the 5th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 12 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to effectiveness of educational programs, so as to require administration
3 of either the SAT or the ACT to all public school students in grade 11; to provide for the
4 Department of Education to coordinate with local school superintendents regarding the
5 timing of test administration and students transitioning to and from the Department of
6 Juvenile Justice; to provide that such requirement is contingent upon appropriations by the
7 General Assembly; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
8 purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

11 Part 12 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
12 relating to effectiveness of educational programs, is amended by adding a new Code section
13 to read as follows:

14 "20-2-281.2.

15 (a) Each local school system, the State Charter Schools Commission, and the Department
16 of Juvenile Justice shall administer, with state funding, either the SAT or the ACT to each
17 public school student enrolled in grade 11. Local school systems, the State Charter Schools
18 Commission, and the Department of Juvenile Justice shall each choose either the SAT or
19 the ACT for system-wide administration.

20 (b) The Department of Education shall coordinate with local school superintendents with
21 respect to the timing of test administration and to ensure that students transitioning to and
22 from the Department of Juvenile Justice are included in a test administration."

23 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

24 (a) This Act shall become effective only if funds are specifically appropriated for the
25 purposes of this Act in an appropriations Act enacted by the General Assembly.

- 26 (b) If funds are so appropriated, then this Act shall become effective on the later of:
- 27 (1) The date on which such appropriations Act becomes effective; or
- 28 (2) The beginning date of the fiscal year for which such appropriations are made.

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SECTION 3.

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.