

House Bill 755 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Belton of the 112th, Jones of the 47th, Nix of the 69th, Cantrell of the 22nd, Glanton of the 75th, and others

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 elementary and secondary education generally, so as to provide that each local board of
3 education shall provide its local charter schools with preliminary allotment sheets for the
4 upcoming fiscal year within 45 calendar days of receiving its preliminary allotment sheet
5 from the Department of Education; to provide that each local board of education shall publish
6 in a prominent location on its website the calculation of earnings to each local charter school;
7 to provide that when a local board of education determines that an adjustment to the
8 allocation for a local charter school is necessary, the local board of education shall provide
9 the local charter school with 30 days' notice before the allocation is adjusted, provide an
10 amended itemized allotment sheet to the local charter school, and publish the amended
11 itemized allotment sheet in a prominent location on its website; to require local school
12 systems to post required information regarding intradistrict transfers, including relevant dates
13 and deadlines, in a prominent location on its website; to provide for related matters; to repeal
14 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

15 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

16 **SECTION 1.**

17 Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and
18 secondary education generally, is amended in Code Section 20-2-2068.1, relating to charter
19 school funding, by revising subsection (c.3) as follows:

20 "(c.3)(1) Each local board of education that has one or more local charter schools shall
21 provide each local charter school with a preliminary annual allotment sheet itemizing the
22 preliminary calculation of state, local, and federal allocations to be provided by the local
23 school system to the local charter school for the upcoming fiscal year not later than 45
24 calendar days after the local school system receives its preliminary annual allotment sheet
25 from the Department of Education.

(2) The local board of education shall publish in a prominent location on its website the calculation of earnings to each local charter school made pursuant to subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this Code section, including federal funds received by each local charter school. Such calculations shall be published as soon as practicable prior to the distribution of funds to the local charter school by the local board, and no later than October 1 of each year, and shall be updated upon receipt of any additional federal funds received pursuant to state reallocation of federal funds and distributed to local charter schools. Such calculations may be published in conjunction with the financial and transparency information required to be published by local boards of education pursuant to Part 3A Part 3B of Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 20. In the event that the Department of Education makes such calculations available on its website, a local board of education may post a link in a prominent location on its website to the Department of Education's web page which contains such calculations to comply with this subsection.

(3) In the event that the local board of education determines that an adjustment to the allocation for a local charter school is necessary, the local board of education shall provide the local charter school with 30 days' notice before the allocation is adjusted, shall provide an amended itemized allotment sheet to the local charter school, and shall publish the amended itemized allotment sheet in a prominent location on its website."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 20-2-2131, relating to enrollment of students in school to which not originally assigned, procedure, annual notification, and exception, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) Each local school system shall annually notify prior to each school year the parents of each student by letter, electronic means, or by such other reasonable means in a timely manner of the options available to the parent parents under this article, including all relevant dates and deadlines. As a part of such annual notification process, each local school system shall post in a prominent location on its website the information required pursuant to this Code section."

SECTION 3.

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