

The Senate Committee on Higher Education offered the following substitute to SB 416:

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 increased technical skills; to provide for collaboration between the  
5 Technical College System of Georgia and certain entities to support efforts to recruit new  
6 industries and expand existing industries; to provide for related matters; to provide for an  
7 effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **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 (g) 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 and  
18 technical skill development, community sustainability, work force development, and  
19 school level governance.

20 (3) 'Charter petitioner' means a local board of education, group of local boards of  
21 education, private individual, private organization, state or local public entity, or any  
22 group of these that submits a petition for a charter in cooperation with one or more  
23 postsecondary institutions which have petitioned to establish a college and career  
24 academy as a charter school pursuant to Article 31 or Article 31A of Chapter 2 of this  
25 title.

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 the technical skills needed for work  
32 force development between one or more local boards of education, a private individual,  
33 a private organization, or a state or local public entity in cooperation with one or more  
34 postsecondary institutions. A charter school, charter system, or strategic waivers school  
35 system contract establishing a college and career academy shall include provisions  
36 requiring that the college and career academy have a governing board reflective of the  
37 school community and the partnership with decision-making authority and requiring that  
38 governing board members complete initial and annual governance training, including, but  
39 not limited to, best practices on school governance, the constitutional and statutory  
40 requirements relating to public records and meetings, and the requirements of applicable  
41 statutes and rules and 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) The Office of College and Career ~~Transitions~~ Academies shall be established within  
54 the Technical College System of Georgia to coordinate the efforts by the State Board of  
55 Education, the University System of Georgia, the Technical College System of Georgia,  
56 and other not for profit postsecondary institutions accredited by the Southern Association  
57 of Colleges and Schools in the professional development, curriculum support, and  
58 development and establishment of college and career academies."

59 "(g)(1) The office shall establish a certification process, in collaboration with the  
60 Department of Education, for approval by the board. The office shall be authorized to  
61 certify college and career academies. The State Board of Education shall accept  
62 certification by the office as one component of determining compliance with charter and

63 strategic waivers school system or charter system contract requirements. The State Board  
64 of Education may request supplemental information from charter petitioners, strategic  
65 waivers school systems, or charter systems.

66 (2) Any certification process established pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection  
67 shall require that the applicant demonstrates how the proposed college and career  
68 academy will increase student achievement and technical skill attainment, provide for  
69 dual credit and dual enrollment opportunities, increase work based learning opportunities,  
70 and address work force development needs; articulates how the collaboration between  
71 business, industry, and community stakeholders will advance work force development;  
72 demonstrates local governance and autonomy; and shows other benefits that meet the  
73 needs of the students and community.

74 (3) Certification by the office shall constitute a positive recommendation to the State  
75 Board of Education for renewal of a charter school or charter system pursuant to Code  
76 Section 20-2-2064.1 or an extension of a strategic waivers school system contract  
77 pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 2 of this title."

78 "(1) The Technical College System of Georgia shall collaborate with the Workforce  
79 Development Board and the Department of Economic Development to support the efforts  
80 of College and Career Academies and local economic development partners to assist in the  
81 recruitment of new industries and to expand existing industries by, but not limited to,  
82 demonstrating the preparation of technically skilled high school graduates to be ready to  
83 work within existing industries or industries being recruited to the state."

84 **SECTION 2.**

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

86 **SECTION 3.**

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