

ADOPTED

Senators Payne of the 54th, Anavitarte of the 31th, Dugan of the 30th and Miller of the 49th offered the following amendment:

1 *Amend the substitute to SB 220 (LC 49 0551S) by inserting after "grade;" on line 4 "to amend*
 2 *Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to*
 3 *education accountability assessment programs, so as to create the Georgia Commission on*
 4 *Civics Education; to provide for membership, filling of vacancies, terms, officers, duties,*
 5 *meetings, and reimbursement of members of the commission; to provide for a short title; to*
 6 *provide for legislative intent; to provide for automatic repeal;"*

7 *By inserting between lines 37 and 38 the following:*

SECTION 2.

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 9 Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
 10 education accountability assessment programs, is amended by adding a new part to read as
 11 follows:

12 "Part 10

13 20-14-95.

14 (a) This part shall be known and may be cited as the 'The Georgia Civics Renewal Act.'

15 (b) There is created the Georgia Commission on Civics Education.

16 (c) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the commission shall promote and enhance
 17 the education of students on the importance of civic involvement in a constitutional
 18 republic, the study of state and local government among the state's citizenry, the

19 importance of civic engagement and public service, and communication and collaboration
20 among organizations in the state that conduct civics education.

21 (d)(1) The commission shall consist of 15 members comprising one member from the
22 Senate majority caucus, one member from the Senate minority caucus, one member from
23 the House of Representatives majority caucus, one member from the House of
24 Representatives minority caucus, one Justice of the Supreme Court, the Attorney General,
25 one designee from the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, one designee from the Metro
26 Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, the State School Superintendent or his or her designee,
27 one other member as determined by the President of the Senate, one other member as
28 determined by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one other member as
29 determined by the Governor, two former or current government or civics teachers
30 appointed by the Governor, and one representative from the Georgia Center for Civic
31 Engagement appointed by the Governor.

32 (2) Vacancies in the commission shall be filled the same as the original appointments.

33 (3)(A) Legislative members of the commission shall serve two-year terms concurrent
34 with their terms as members of the General Assembly.

35 (B) Nonlegislative members of the commission shall serve two-year terms concurrent
36 with those terms of legislative members of the commission.

37 (e) The Governor shall designate the chairperson of the commission. The chairperson
38 shall serve as such concurrent with his or her term as a member of the commission.

39 (f)(1) The commission shall periodically review the conditions, needs, issues, and
40 problems related to civics education in Georgia schools, including, but not limited to,
41 career, technical, and agricultural education (CTAE) instruction for the government and
42 public administration and the law, public safety, corrections, and security pathways, and
43 shall issue annually a report on the same to the General Assembly, and recommend any
44 action or legislation which the commission deems necessary or appropriate.

45 (2) The commission may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it
46 may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its
47 powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this Code
48 section. The commission shall meet upon the call of the chairperson. The commission
49 shall meet not less than two nor more than four times annually.

50 (3) The legislative members of the commission shall receive the allowances provided for
51 in Code Section 28-1-8. Any citizen members shall receive a daily expense allowance
52 in the amount specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21, as well as the mileage
53 or transportation allowance authorized for state employees. Any members of the
54 commission who are state officials, other than legislative members, and state employees
55 shall receive no compensation for their services on the commission, but they shall be
56 reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members
57 of the commission in the same manner as they are reimbursed for expenses in their
58 capacities as state officials or employees. The funds necessary for the reimbursement of
59 the expenses of state officials, other than legislative members, and state employees shall
60 come from funds appropriated to the Department of Education for this purpose. All other
61 funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this Code section shall come from funds
62 appropriated to the House of Representatives and the Senate. The expenses and
63 allowances authorized by this paragraph shall not be received by members of the
64 commission for more than four days annually.

65 (g) The head of the social studies program of the Department of Education shall report
66 annually to the commission regarding the conditions, needs, issues, and problems of the
67 program. Such report shall include a statement of efforts undertaken by the Department
68 of Education to inform and encourage local school systems to recruit and utilize
69 supplemental resources from appropriate local and community organizations which
70 promote civics and civics education as among their primary purposes.

71 (h) This part shall stand repealed on December 31, 2028."

72 *By redesignating Sections 2 and 3 on lines 38 and 41 as Sections 3 and 4, respectively.*