

Senate Bill 508

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-161.3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 the "Dual Enrollment Act," purpose, dual credit courses, eligibility for participation, and
3 eligibility for payment, so as to require the Georgia Student Finance Commission to establish
4 participation and performance targets for the program; to require the Georgia Student
5 Finance Commission to annually measure and evaluate the program and report certain data
6 analyses related to the program to the Governor and the General Assembly; to provide for
7 rules and regulations; 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 **SECTION 1.**

11 Code Section 20-2-161.3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Dual
12 Enrollment Act," purpose, dual credit courses, eligibility for participation, and eligibility for
13 payment, is amended by revising subsection (n) as follows:

14 "(n)(1) The commission shall collect and monitor enrollment and student record data for
15 eligible dual credit courses taken pursuant to this Code section. The commission shall
16 establish participation and performance targets, including, but not limited to, targets to

17 increase participation and success among underrepresented groups of students. The
18 commission shall annually measure and evaluate the program. On or before October 1
19 of each year, the commission shall provide to the Governor and each chamber of the
20 General Assembly a report covering the three immediately preceding school years and
21 including, at a minimum, the following data analyses, disaggregated by student groups
22 according to race, gender, ethnicity, economic status, and geographic location:

23 (A) Participation rates;

24 (B) Rates of students earning dual credit;

25 (C) Rates of college enrollment and graduation for students who have completed one
26 or more dual credit courses pursuant to this Code section;

27 (D) Correlation between completion of one or more dual credit courses pursuant to this
28 Code section and the length of time to complete a college degree program;

29 (E) Common factors in dropped, withdrawn, and failed dual credit courses attempted
30 pursuant to this Code section;

31 (F) Measures of meeting or exceeding program objectives and targets; and

32 (G) Cost savings for students, families, and the state, resulting from dual credit courses
33 taken pursuant to this Code section.

34 (2) The Office of Planning and Budget, the department, eligible postsecondary institutions,
35 and local boards of education shall cooperate with and provide data as necessary to the
36 commission to facilitate the provisions of this subsection.

37 (3) The Commission is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations as necessary to
38 implement the provisions of this subsection."

39 **SECTION 2.**

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