

## Senate Bill 86

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**AS PASSED SENATE**

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

## AN ACT

1 To amend Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia  
 2 Annotated, relating to financing under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to allow  
 3 eligible students participating in the Dual Enrollment program to access HOPE grant funds  
 4 for certain CTAE courses irrespective of whether they have reached maximum credit hour  
 5 caps; to provide for the Georgia Student Finance Commission to collect and report certain  
 6 data; to require the Georgia Student Finance Commission to establish rules and regulations;  
 7 to provide for targets; to provide for data collection and reporting; to provide for rules and  
 8 regulations; to provide for an automatic repeal; to provide for an effective date; to provide  
 9 for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

11 **SECTION 1.**

12 Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
 13 relating to financing under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended by adding a new  
 14 Code section to read as follows:

15 "20-2-161.4.

16 (a)(1) Beginning July 1, 2023, each student participating in the Dual Enrollment program  
 17 provided for in Code Section 20-2-161.3 shall be allowed to access HOPE grant funds

18 for eligible CTAE courses, as defined in Code Section 20-2-161.3, irrespective of  
19 whether such student has reached any maximum credit hour cap provided for in Code  
20 Section 20-2-161.3.

21 (2) For three years beginning on July 1, 2023, the Georgia Student Finance Commission,  
22 in collaboration with the Technical College System of Georgia, shall collect and report  
23 data on:

24 (A) Student enrollment in and completion of at least one eligible CTAE course, as  
25 defined in Code Section 20-2-161.3, as part of the Dual Enrollment program provided  
26 for in Code Section 20-2-161.3;

27 (B) HOPE grant funding and Dual Enrollment program funding, including, but not  
28 limited to, the number of students who received such funding and the maximum, mean,  
29 median, and mode amounts of such funding received by students;

30 (C) Postsecondary credits earned by students who received such funding;

31 (D) The number of students who enrolled in a postsecondary degree program after  
32 completing a program of study that includes at least one eligible CTAE course, as  
33 defined in Code Section 20-2-161.3, as part of the Dual Enrollment program provided  
34 for in Code Section 20-2-161.3; and

35 (E) The number of students employed in a high-demand field after completing a  
36 focused program of study identified by the State Board of the Technical College System  
37 of Georgia as part of the High-demand Career Initiatives Program provided for in Code  
38 Section 20-4-152.

39 No later than January 1 each year, the Georgia Student Finance Commission shall provide  
40 an interim report to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the director of the Office of  
41 Planning and Budget, and the chairpersons of the House Committee on Education, the  
42 Senate Education and Youth Committee, the House Committee on Higher Education, and  
43 the Senate Higher Education Committee. A final report shall be provided to the same no  
44 later than September 1, 2026.

45 (3) The Georgia Student Finance Commission, in consultation with the State Board of  
46 Education, the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia, and the Office  
47 of Workforce Development, shall establish rules and regulations to implement the  
48 provisions of this subsection.

49 (b) This Code section shall stand repealed on June 30, 2026."

50 **SECTION 2.**

51 Said part is further amended in Code Section 20-2-161.3, relating to the "Dual Enrollment  
52 Act," purpose, dual credit courses, eligibility for participation, and eligibility for payment,  
53 by adding new subsections to read as follows:

54 "(p) The department shall establish participation and performance targets, including, but  
55 not limited to, targets to increase participation and success among underrepresented groups.

56 (q)(1) Data collected or reported under this subsection shall be disaggregated by race,  
57 gender, ethnicity, economic status, grade level, and location.

58 (2) The department and any organization that receives program funds shall annually  
59 report to the commission, at a minimum, the following data:

60 (A) Rates of participation, dual credit earned, and attempted but uncompleted courses;

61 (B) Rates of college enrollment and graduation for participating students; and

62 (C) Correlation between completion of eligible dual credit courses and the time to  
63 complete a college degree program.

64 (3) The commission shall maintain and annually report to the Governor and the General  
65 Assembly data for the three preceding school years, including, at a minimum, the data  
66 reported under paragraph (2) of this subsection and:

67 (A) Common factors in attempted but uncompleted eligible dual credit courses;

68 (B) Measures of meeting or exceeding program objectives and targets; and

69 (C) Cost savings resulting from the program.

70 (4) The commission is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations as necessary to  
71 implement this subsection."

72 **SECTION 3.**

73 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2023.

74 **SECTION 4.**

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