

Senate Bill 203

By: Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Dolezal of the 27th and others

AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to industry services training program, so as to provide for tuition-free programs that
3 relate to the operation of a commercial motor vehicle for veterans; to amend Title 40 of the
4 Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to repeal
5 provisions authorizing joinder of motor carriers and their insurance carriers in tort and
6 contract causes of action; to provide for standards of service hours for motor carriers
7 operating solely intrastate; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal
8 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Trucking Opportunity Act of 2023."

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SECTION 2.

13 Article 3 of Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
14 industry services training program, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as
15 follows:

16 "20-4-43.1.

17 Subject to appropriations by the General Assembly for such purposes, the training
18 programs under this article entered into by a qualified participant that relate to the
19 operation of a commercial motor vehicle shall be tuition free. For purposes of this Code
20 section, a qualified participant shall be a veteran of the United States armed forces who was
21 honorably discharged as evidenced by United States Department of Defense Form 214 or
22 National Guard Bureau Form 22."

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SECTION 3.

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.