

The House Committee on Education offers the following substitute to HB 1357:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-984, relating to the Professional Standards Commission's
2 authority to create and implement standards and procedures for certifying educational
3 personnel, recommending standards and procedures for certification, continuation of teaching
4 certificates, and restrictions, so as to provide that the commission's standards and procedures
5 for certification programs shall be neutral with respect to whether such programs are
6 provided by for profit or not for profit entities and shall consider teacher programs outside
7 of this state which meet certain requirements of the Professional Standards Commission; to
8 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 Code Section 20-2-984, relating to the Professional Standards Commission's authority to
12 create and implement standards and procedures for certifying educational personnel,
13 recommending standards and procedures for certification, continuation of teaching
14 certificates, and restrictions, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

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15 "(a) The commission shall create and implement standards and procedures for certifying
16 educational personnel as qualified for a certificate to practice in the public schools of
17 Georgia, including the following:

18 (1) Procedures for limiting the number and types of certificates to the fewest possible
19 consistent with providing qualified teachers for Georgia's schools;

20 (2) In-service training and related requirements needed to renew or maintain
21 certification;

22 (3) Multiple or alternative routes to professional teacher certification, including, but not
23 limited to, the alternative and nontraditional teacher certification programs provided for
24 in Code Section 20-2-206; provided, however, that the commission's standards and
25 procedures shall:

26 (A) Be neutral with respect to whether such teacher certification programs are provided
27 by for profit or not for profit entities; and

28 (B) Consider teacher certification programs outside of this state which meet
29 accreditation and certification requirements of the Professional Standards Commission;
30 and

31 (4) Requirements, including appropriate examinations and assessments, for acquiring and
32 maintaining certification pursuant to Code Section 20-2-200."

33 SECTION 2.

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