

Senate Bill 2

By: Senators Tippins of the 37th, Sims of the 12th, Cowser of the 46th, Wilkinson of the 50th,
Millar of the 40th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum in elementary and secondary
3 education, so as to provide that a student who completes certain requirements relating to
4 postsecondary coursework may be awarded a high school diploma; to provide for rules and
5 regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
9 relating to competencies and core curriculum, is amended by adding a new Code section to
10 read as follows:

11 "20-2-149.2.

12 (a) A local board of education may award a high school diploma to a student who:

13 (1) Completes coursework at a postsecondary institution that is accredited by one or
14 more of the entities listed in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (6) of Code Section
15 20-3-519;

16 (2) Is 16 years old or older and has completed at least the following ninth or tenth grade
17 level high school courses: two English courses, two mathematics courses, two science
18 courses, and two social studies courses, and any state required tests associated with any
19 such courses;

20 (3) Receives a score of admission acceptable on the readiness assessment required by the
21 postsecondary institution; and

22 (4) Completes: (i) an associate degree program; (ii) a technical college diploma program
23 and all postsecondary academic education and technical education and training
24 prerequisites for any state, national, or industry occupational certifications or licenses
25 required to work in the field; or (iii) at least two technical college certificate of credit
26 programs in one specific career pathway and all postsecondary academic education and

27 technical education and training prerequisites for any state, national, or industry
28 occupational certifications or licenses required to work in the field.

29 (b) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the State Board of the Technical
30 College System of Georgia and the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia,
31 shall establish rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Code section.

32 (c) A student who meets the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section shall be
33 deemed to have met all graduation requirements of the State Board of Education and shall
34 not be subject to any assessments otherwise required for purposes of graduation."

35 **SECTION 2.**

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