

ADOPTED

Senator Tippins of the 37th offered the following amendment:

Amend the Senate Education and Youth Committee substitute to HB 897 (LC 33 5645S) by inserting after "population act provision;" on line 3 the following:

to provide for revision of the terms of a flexibility contract under certain circumstances;

By inserting after "foundations;" on line 15 the following:

to provide for effective dates;

By inserting between lines 23 and 24 the following:

SECTION 1A.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-83, relating to state board approval of local school board flexibility contracts, as follows:

"20-2-83.

(a) Upon approval of a proposed contract of a local school system which has requested flexibility, the state board shall enter into such contract with the local board of education.

(b) The terms of the contract shall include, but not be limited to, accountability, flexibility, and consequences components as negotiated pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-82 and in accordance with Code Section 20-2-84.

(c) Each contract shall be for a term of five years. The terms of the contract may provide for automatic extension of such contract if a local school system has met its accountability requirements.

(d) The terms of a contract, including the performance goals and the consequences, may be amended during the term of the contract only:

(1) If if warranted due to unforeseen circumstances and upon approval of the state board and the local board of education; or

(2) If the state board has revised any state accountability or performance measures subsequent to entering into such contract.

(e) Any school system subject to a contract under this article as of July 1, 2013, shall have the right to renegotiate the terms of such contract using the state board approved accountability and performance measures in effect as of July 1, 2014, without penalty or consequence to any existing schools in order to comply with the deadline established in subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-84.3. The state board may add up to one year to any such contract in effect on July 1, 2013, for the purpose of contract renegotiations as provided in this subsection."

By inserting between lines 1153 and 1154 the following:

SECTION 42A.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become effective July 1, 2014.

(b) Section 1A of this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.