

House Bill 437 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Dickey of the 140th, England of the 116th, and Burns of the 159th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to education accountability assessment programs, so as to recreate the former
3 Agricultural Education Advisory Commission which had been abolished by operation of law
4 on December 31, 2016; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 education accountability assessment programs, is amended by adding a new Part 8 to read
9 as follows:

10 "Part 8

11 20-14-90.

12 (a) There is created the Agricultural Education Advisory Commission.

13 (b)(1) The commission shall consist of three members of the House of Representatives
14 to be appointed by the Speaker of the House, at least one of whom shall be from the
15 House Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs and at least one of whom shall
16 be from the House Committee on Education; three members of the Senate to be appointed
17 by the Senate Committee on Assignments, at least one of whom shall be from the Senate
18 Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee and at least one of whom shall be from the
19 Senate Education and Youth Committee; three members who are not members of the
20 General Assembly to be appointed by the Governor; and three members who are not
21 members of the General Assembly to be appointed by the State School Superintendent.
22 (2) Vacancies in the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original
23 appointments.

24 (3)(A) Legislative members of the commission shall serve two-year terms concurrent
25 with their terms as members of the General Assembly.

26 (B) Nonlegislative members of the commission shall serve two-year terms concurrent
27 with those terms of legislative members of the commission.

28 (C) The provisions of subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this paragraph notwithstanding,
29 members of the commission appointed in 2017 or 2018 shall serve for initial terms
30 which shall expire on the second Monday in January, 2019.

31 (c) The Speaker of the House shall designate one of the commission members from the
32 House of Representatives as a co-chairperson of the commission, and the Senate
33 Committee on Assignments shall designate one of the commission members from the
34 Senate as a co-chairperson of the commission. Each co-chairperson shall serve as such
35 concurrent with his or her term as a member of the commission.

36 (d)(1) The director of agricultural education for the Department of Education shall report
37 annually to the commission regarding the conditions, needs, issues, and problems of the
38 agricultural education program of the division.

39 (2) The commission shall periodically review the conditions, needs, issues, and problems
40 related to the agricultural education program of the division, issue annually a report on
41 the same to the General Assembly, and recommend any action or legislation which the
42 commission deems necessary or appropriate.

43 (e)(1) The commission may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as
44 it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its
45 powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this Code
46 section. The commission shall meet upon the call of either co-chairperson. The
47 commission shall meet at least once annually.

48 (2) The legislative members of the commission shall receive the allowances provided for
49 in Code Section 28-1-8. Any citizen members shall receive a daily expense allowance
50 in the amount specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 as well as the mileage
51 or transportation allowance authorized for state employees. Any members of the
52 commission who are state officials, other than legislative members, and state employees
53 shall receive no compensation for their services on the commission, but they shall be
54 reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members
55 of the commission in the same manner as they are reimbursed for expenses in their
56 capacities as state officials or employees. The funds necessary for the reimbursement of
57 the expenses of state officials, other than legislative members, and state employees shall
58 come from funds appropriated to or otherwise available to the Department of Education.
59 All other funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this Code section shall come from
60 funds appropriated to the House of Representatives and the Senate. The expenses and

61 allowances authorized by this paragraph shall not be received by members of the
62 commission for more than four days annually."

63 **SECTION 2.**

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