

Senate Bill 430

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AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to other educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act,"
3 so as to authorize home study students and private school students to take courses at a college
4 and career academy; to provide for definitions; to provide for forms and procedures; to
5 provide for requirements; to provide for funding; to provide for related matters; to repeal
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
10 relating to other educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended
11 by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

12 "20-2-319.5.

13 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

14 (1) 'College and career academy' has the same meaning as in Code Section 20-4-37.

15 (2) 'Course' means a course offered by a college and career academy to public school
16 students enrolled in such college and career academy.

17 (3) 'Home study student' means a student in a home study program which meets the
18 requirements of subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-690.

19 (4) 'Private school student' means a student in a private school which meets the
20 requirements of subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-690.

21 (5) 'Resident school system' means the local school system in which a home study
22 student or a private school student would be enrolled by virtue of his or her residence.

23 (b) Local school systems are authorized to enroll home study students and private school
24 students in one or more courses at a college and career academy which is geographically
25 located within the student's resident school system, so long as space is available in such
26 course or courses.

27 (c) The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the
28 provisions of this Code section, which may include, but not limited to:
29 (1) Forms for use by local school systems to enroll a home study student or a private
30 school student;
31 (2) Timelines for enrolling and withdrawing from a course;
32 (3) Procedures for reporting academic progress and grades to the student's parent or
33 guardian and the student's home study program or private school;
34 (4) Procedures for handling disciplinary issues that arise relating to home study students
35 and private school students while attending the courses;
36 (5) Procedures for reporting disciplinary issues to the student's parent or guardian; and
37 (6) Any other procedures or requirements deemed necessary by the state board.
38 (d) Home study students and private school students enrolled in courses in college and
39 career academies pursuant to this Code section shall meet all of the same requirements for
40 enrollment and participation in a course; shall be subject to all rules, including the school's
41 code of conduct; and shall be subject to any fees for a course which are applicable to the
42 public school students enrolled in the college and career academy.
43 (e) Home study students and private school students shall be responsible for transportation
44 to and from the college and career academy.
45 (f) A local board of education shall earn FTE funds for each home study student and
46 private school student enrolled in one or more courses pursuant to this Code section at a
47 college and career academy that has a charter with such local board of education. Such
48 funds shall be earned in accordance with Code Section 20-2-160 for any one-sixth segment
49 of the day or its block scheduling equivalent that each such student attends in a manner
50 similar to nonresident students, or in accordance with State Board of Education guidelines
51 established for such purpose. A local board of education shall not charge home study
52 students or private school students tuition to enroll in a course pursuant to this Code
53 section."

54 **SECTION 2.**

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