

House Bill 519

By: Representatives Mitchell of the 106th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Evans of the 57th, Scott of the 76th, Mainor of the 56th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 4 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to increased flexibility for local school systems, so as to remove the option of turning
3 the operation of a nonperforming school over to a for-profit entity; to provide for an effective
4 date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 4 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 increased flexibility for local school systems, is amended by revising Code Section
9 20-2-84.1, relating to loss of governance for nonperforming schools, as follows:

10 "20-2-84.1.

11 (a) The State Board of Education shall, as provided for in the contract entered into with
12 a local school system pursuant to Code Section 20-2-83, mandate the loss of governance
13 of one or more of its nonperforming schools as a consequence of failure pursuant to
14 paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-84. Such loss of governance may
15 include, but shall not be limited to:

- 16 (1) Conversion of a school to charter status with independent school level governance
17 and a governance board with strong parental involvement;
- 18 (2) Operation of a school by a successful school system, as defined by the Office of
19 Student Achievement, and pursuant to funding criteria established by the state board; or
- 20 (3) Operation of a school by a private nonprofit entity, ~~nonprofit or for profit~~, pursuant
21 to a request for proposals issued by the department.
- 22 (b) Loss of governance shall be invoked upon the end of the fifth year of the contract if the
23 school system is in noncompliance as set out in the terms of the contract."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2021.

26 **SECTION 3.**

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.