

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 under the "Quality Basic Education
3 Act," so as to provide that the prescribed course of study in sex education and AIDS
4 prevention instruction is age appropriate; to include the subject of consent in such course of
5 study; to provide for implementation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
6 laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
10 relating to competencies and core curriculum under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is
11 amended by revising Code Section 20-2-143, relating to sex education and AIDS prevention
12 instruction, implementation, and student exemption, as follows:

13 "20-2-143.

14 (a) Each local board of education shall prescribe a an age-appropriate course of study in
15 sex education and AIDS prevention instruction for such grades and grade levels in the
16 public school system as shall be determined by the State Board of Education. Such course
17 of study shall implement either the minimum course of study provided for in subsection (b)

18 of this Code section or its equivalent, as approved by the State Board of Education. Each
19 local board of education shall be authorized to supplement and develop the exact approach
20 of content areas of such minimum course of study with such specific curriculum standards
21 as it may deem appropriate. Such standards shall include age-appropriate instruction
22 ~~relating to~~ concerning consent, the handling of peer pressure, the promotion of high
23 self-esteem, local community values, the legal consequences of parenthood, and abstinence
24 from sexual activity as an effective method of prevention of pregnancy, sexually
25 transmitted diseases, and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

26 (b) The State Board of Education shall prescribe a an age-appropriate minimum course of
27 study in sex education and AIDS prevention instruction which may be included as a part
28 of a course of study in comprehensive health education for such grades and grade levels
29 in the public school system as shall be determined by the state board and shall establish
30 standards for its administration. The course may include age-appropriate instruction
31 concerning human biology, conception, pregnancy, birth, sexually transmitted diseases, and
32 acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). The course shall include age-appropriate
33 instruction concerning the legal consequences of parenthood, including, without being
34 limited to, the legal obligation of both parents to support a child and legal penalties or
35 restrictions upon failure to support a child, including, without being limited to, the possible
36 suspension or revocation of a parent's driver's license and occupational or professional
37 licenses. The course shall ~~also~~ include annual age-appropriate instruction for students in
38 kindergarten through grade nine concerning consent and the awareness and prevention of
39 ~~sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention education in kindergarten through grade~~
40 ~~nine~~. A manual setting out the details of such course of study shall be prepared by or
41 approved by the State School Superintendent in cooperation with the Department of Public
42 Health, the State Board of Education, and such expert advisers as they may choose.
43 (c) The minimum course of study to be prescribed by the State Board of Education
44 pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section shall be ready for implementation not later
45 than ~~July 1, 1988~~ August 1, 2022. Each local board shall implement either such minimum

46 course of study or its equivalent not later than July 1, ~~1989~~ 2023. Any local board of
47 education which fails to comply with this subsection shall not be eligible to receive any
48 state funding under this article until such minimum course of study or its equivalent has
49 been implemented.

50 (d) Any parent or legal guardian of a child to whom the course of study set forth in this
51 Code section is to be taught shall have the right to elect, in writing, that such child not
52 receive such course of study."

53 **SECTION 2.**

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