

Senate Bill 52

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-161.3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 the "Dual Enrollment Act," purpose, dual credit courses, eligibility for participation, and  
3 eligibility for payment, so as to require the Georgia Student Finance Commission to establish  
4 participation and performance targets for the program; to require the Georgia Student  
5 Finance Commission to annually measure and evaluate the program and report certain data  
6 analyses related to the program to the Governor and the General Assembly; to provide for  
7 rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
8 purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

11 Code Section 20-2-161.3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Dual  
12 Enrollment Act," purpose, dual credit courses, eligibility for participation, and eligibility for  
13 payment, is amended by revising subsection (n) as follows:

14 "(n)(1) The commission shall collect and monitor enrollment and student record data for  
15 eligible dual credit courses taken pursuant to this Code section. The commission shall  
16 establish participation and performance targets, including, but not limited to, targets to  
17 increase participation and success among underrepresented groups of students. The

18 commission shall annually measure and evaluate the program. On or before October 1  
19 of each year, the commission shall provide to the Governor and each chamber of the  
20 General Assembly a report covering the three immediately preceding school years and  
21 including, at a minimum, the following data analyses, disaggregated by student groups  
22 according to race, gender, ethnicity, economic status, and geographic location:

23 (A) Participation rates;

24 (B) Rates of students earning dual credit;

25 (C) Rates of college enrollment and graduation for students who have completed one  
26 or more dual credit courses pursuant to this Code section;

27 (D) Correlation between completion of one or more dual credit courses pursuant to this  
28 Code section and the length of time to complete a college degree program;

29 (E) Common factors in dropped, withdrawn, and failed dual credit courses attempted  
30 pursuant to this Code section;

31 (F) Measures of meeting or exceeding program objectives and targets; and

32 (G) Cost savings for students, families, and the state, resulting from dual credit courses  
33 taken pursuant to this Code section.

34 (2) The Office of Planning and Budget, the department, eligible postsecondary institutions,  
35 and local boards of education shall cooperate with and provide data as necessary to the  
36 commission to facilitate the provisions of this subsection.

37 (3) The Commission is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations as necessary to  
38 implement the provisions of this subsection."

39 **SECTION 2.**

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