

House Bill 987

By: Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Erwin of the 32nd, Burchett of the 176th, Yearata of the 152nd, Leverett of the 123rd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-165 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 equalization grants, annual calculations, and allocation, so as to revise the definition of the
3 term "qualified local school system school" by reducing the minimum required millage rate
4 or equivalent millage rate from 14 mills to 10 mills; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 20-2-165 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to equalization
9 grants, annual calculations, and allocation, is amended by revising paragraph (9) of
10 subsection (a) as follows:

11 "(9) 'Qualified local school system' is defined as any local school system:

12 (A) Having an assessed valuation per weighted full-time equivalent count for the year
13 of the digest which is below the guaranteed valuation;

14 (B) Having an effective millage rate greater than the millage rate applied to calculate
15 the local five mill share pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-164; and

16 (C) Beginning July 1, 2015, having a millage rate or an equivalent millage of at least
17 12 mills; beginning July 1, 2016, having a millage rate or an equivalent millage of at
18 least 12 1/2 mills; beginning July 1, 2017, having a millage rate or an equivalent
19 millage of at least 13 mills; beginning July 1, 2018, having a millage rate or an
20 equivalent millage of at least 13 1/2 mills; beginning July 1, 2019, ~~and thereafter,~~
21 having a millage rate or an equivalent millage of at least 14 mills; beginning July 1,
22 2024, and thereafter, having a millage rate or an equivalent millage rate of at least 10
23 mills."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.