

ADOPTED

Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Gooch of the 51st and Payne of the 54th offered the following amendment #1:

1 *Amend the substitute to HB 282 (LC 49 1919S) by inserting after "members;" in line 13 the*
2 *following:*

3 to amend Article 33 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
4 relating to the "Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Act," so as to revise provisions for
5 expedited completion of a student's first Individualized Education Program; to provide for
6 calculating maximum scholarship amounts for certain students; to provide for electronic
7 deposits;

8 *By inserting between lines 169 and 170 the following:*

9 Article 33 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
10 "Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Act," is amended by revising subsections (a) and (f) of
11 Code Section 20-2-2116, relating to amount of scholarship and method of payments, as
12 follows:

13 "(a) The maximum scholarship granted a scholarship student pursuant to this article shall
14 be an amount equivalent to the costs of the educational program that would have been
15 provided for the student in the resident school system as calculated under Code
16 Section 20-2-161 and, if a scholarship student has an Individualized Education
17 Program (IEP), based upon services specified in the Individualized Education Program in
18 place at the time of the most recent enrollment count, as described in Code
19 Section 20-2-160-; provided, however, that in the case of a student whose first Individual
20 Education Program was expedited as provided for in subparagraph (a)(3)(A) of Code

21 Section 20-2-2114 but was not in effect at the time of the most recent enrollment count, the
22 initial calculation of the maximum scholarship amount shall be based upon services
23 specified in the Individualized Education Program in place at the time such Individualized
24 Education Program takes effect. Such initial calculation shall be revised based upon
25 services specified in the Individualized Education Program in place at the time of the next
26 enrollment count. This shall not include any federal funds."

27 "(f) Payment to the parents ~~must~~ shall be made by individual warrant made payable to the
28 student's parent. The department shall electronically deposit payments that have been
29 restrictively endorsed by parents into the account of such school; provided, however, that
30 in the event an electronic deposit cannot be made, such payment may be ~~and~~ mailed by the
31 department to the participating school of the parent's choice, and the parent shall
32 restrictively endorse the warrant to the participating school for deposit into the account of
33 such school."

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SECTION 7.