

House Bill 48

By: Representatives Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th, and Schofield of the 63rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the
2 "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to establish the Refugee and International Students
3 Equalization (RISE) program to provide for funding and wraparound services for eligible
4 students; to provide for the definition of "international student"; to establish a program
5 weight and teacher-student ratio for the RISE program in the QBE funding formula; to
6 provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal
7 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Quality
11 Basic Education Act," is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

12 "20-2-156.1.

13 (a)(1) As used in this Code section, the term 'international student' means any school-age
14 child, regardless of his or her citizenship or immigration status, who:

15 (A) Was born outside of the United States;

16 (B) Currently resides in this state;

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42	(2) Kindergarten early intervention program	2.0951
43		weight and
44		1 to 11
45		ratio
46	(3) Primary grades program (1-3)	1.3029
47		weight and
48		1 to 17
49		ratio
50	(4) Primary grades early intervention program (1-3)	1.8388
51		weight and
52		1 to 11
53		ratio
54	(5) Upper elementary grades program (4-5)	1.0417
55		weight and
56		1 to 23
57		ratio
58	(6) Upper elementary grades early intervention program (4-5)	1.8340
59		weight and
60		1 to 11
61		ratio
62	(7) Middle school program (6-8)	1.1439
63		weight and
64		1 to 20
65		ratio

66	(8) High school general education program (9-12)	1.0000
67		weight and
68		1 to 23
69		ratio
70	(9) Career, technical, and agricultural education	
71	laboratory program (9-12)	1.1762
72		weight and
73		1 to 20
74		ratio
75	(10) Program for persons with disabilities:	
76	Category I	2.4763
77		weight and
78		1 to 8
79		ratio
80	(11) Program for persons with disabilities:	
81	Category II	2.9213
82		weight and
83		1 to 6.5
84		ratio
85	(12) Program for persons with disabilities:	
86	Category III	3.7151
87		weight and
88		1 to 5
89		ratio

90	(13) Program for persons with disabilities:	
91	Category IV	6.0106
92		weight and
93		1 to 3
94		ratio
95	(14) Program for persons with disabilities:	
96	Category V	2.5307
97		weight and
98		1 to 8
99		ratio
100	(15) Program for intellectually gifted students:	
101	Category VI	1.7340
102		weight and
103		1 to 12
104		ratio
105	(16) Remedial education program	1.3698
106		weight and
107		1 to 15
		ratio
108	(17) Alternative education program	1.5026
109		weight and
110		1 to 15
111		ratio

112 (18) English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) program 2.6313
 113 weight and
 114 1 to 7
 115 ratio

116 (19) Refugee and International Students Equalization (RISE) program . . . 1.2000
 117 weight and
 118 1 to 7
 119 ratio"

120 **SECTION 3.**
 121 This Act shall become effective July 1, 2025, and shall be applicable beginning in
 122 the 2026-2027 school year and each school year thereafter.

123 **SECTION 4.**
 124 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.