

House Bill 245

By: Representatives Olaleye of the 59th, Smith of the 18th, Glaize of the 67th, Howard of the 129th, Greene of the 154th, and others

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,
2 relating to the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to add a program for students living in
3 poverty to the table of quality basic education instructional programs with weights and
4 student-teacher ratios; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for
5 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Georgia Educational Opportunity Act."

9 **SECTION 2.**

10 Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
11 "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended by revising Code Section 20-2-130, relating to
12 short title, as follows:

13 "20-2-130.

14 (a) This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'Quality Basic Education Act.'

15 (b) As used in this article:

(1) 'Student in foster care' means a student enrolled in a public school who is placed in a foster family home, child care institution, or another substitute care setting approved by the Department of Human Services or Division of Family and Children Services.

(2) 'Student living in poverty' means a student enrolled in a public school who meets one or more of the following criteria:

(A) Lives in a family unit directly certified to be receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits;

(B) Lives in a family unit directly certified to be receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits;

(C) Is a student in foster care; or

(D) Is a student without stable housing.

(3) 'Student without stable housing' means a student enrolled in a public school who meets the definition of the term 'homeless children and youths' under the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, codified at 42 U.S.C. Section 11301, et seq., in force and effect on January 1, 2025.'

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended by adding a new paragraph to subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-161, relating to quality basic education formula, to read as follows:

<u>"(19) Students living in poverty program</u>	<u>1.7500</u>
	<u>weight and</u>
	<u>1 to 15</u>
	<u>ratio"</u>

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.