

House Bill 371

By: Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Townsend of the 179th, Greene of the 154th, Dubnik of the 29th, and Erwin of the 32nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-260 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 capital outlay funds generally under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for
3 an increase of the state's maximum authorization of capital outlay funding from \$300 million
4 to \$375 million annually; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 20-2-260 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to capital outlay
9 funds generally under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by revising paragraph (1) of
10 subsection (g) as follows:

11 "(g)(1) In order to determine a reasonable total funding level for the purposes stated in
12 subsection (e) of this Code section and to establish a fair and equitable distribution of
13 funds to local school systems, the State Board of Education shall annually determine a
14 level of authorization. Starting with fiscal year ~~2014~~ 2027 applications for funds and for
15 each fiscal year thereafter, the new authorization level may equal zero but shall not
16 exceed ~~\$300~~ \$375 million, adjusted annually to reflect the changes in the current annual

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17 construction cost data maintained by the Department of Education pursuant to paragraph
18 (4) of subsection (c) of this Code section. For purposes of deliberations with the
19 Governor and the General Assembly regarding the amount of state funds to be
20 appropriated, calculations shall be made for at least three levels below the ~~\$300~~ \$375
21 million maximum authorization, adjusted as specified in this paragraph."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.