

Senate Bill 171

By: Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Hickman of the 4th, Burns of the 23rd, Kemp of the 38th, Payne of the 54th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act,"so as  
3 to require the State Board of Education to develop an advanced mathematics pathway; to  
4 require the state board to adopt policies related to such advanced mathematics pathway; to  
5 authorize local school systems to offer the advanced mathematics pathway in grades three  
6 through five; to require local school systems to offer the advanced mathematics pathway in  
7 grades six through eight; to provide for reporting; to authorize local school systems to  
8 provide related supports and services; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting  
9 laws; and for other purposes.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

11 **SECTION 1.**

12 Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
13 relating to educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended by  
14 adding a new Code section to read as follows:

15 "20-2-159.7.

16 (a) The State Board of Education shall develop an advanced mathematics pathway for  
17 grades three through eight which culminates in students taking a high school level  
18 mathematics course in middle school and shall adopt policies for such advanced  
19 mathematics pathway. Such policies shall:

20 (1) Provide for criteria for students to qualify for such advanced mathematics pathway;

21 (2) Provide for the automatic enrollment of qualifying students in such advanced  
22 mathematics pathway;

23 (3) Permit the parent or guardian of a student who qualifies for automatic enrollment to  
24 opt his or her child out of such automatic enrollment;

25 (4) Provide criteria for students who are not automatically enrolled in such advanced  
26 mathematics pathway to be able to enroll in such pathway; and

27 (5) Require that information be provided to students and parents or guardians on the  
28 advanced mathematics pathway and enrollment in such advanced mathematics pathway.

29 (b)(1) Each local school system shall be authorized to offer the advanced mathematics  
30 pathway developed by the State Board of Education in grades three through five. Such  
31 local school systems shall be authorized to offer additional supports and services to  
32 students enrolled in such pathway.

33 (2) Each local school system shall offer the advanced mathematics pathway developed  
34 by the State Board of Education in grades six through eight.

35 (3) Each local school system shall be authorized to offer additional supports and services  
36 to students enrolled in the advanced mathematics pathway.

37 (c) Each local school system shall submit a report by December 1 of each year to the  
38 Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the  
39 chairperson of the Senate Education and Youth Committee, and the chairperson of the  
40 House Committee on Education. Such report shall include the following information from  
41 the preceding school year:

- 42 (1) The number of students who qualified for automatic enrollment in the advanced  
43 mathematics pathway and were automatically enrolled in the advanced mathematics  
44 pathway;
- 45 (2) The number of students who qualified for automatic enrollment in the advanced  
46 mathematics pathway and opted out of such automatic enrollment;
- 47 (3) The number of students who did not qualify for automatic enrollment and enrolled  
48 in the advanced mathematics pathway;
- 49 (4) A list of courses offered as part of the advanced mathematics pathway and any  
50 related services or supports offered to students; and
- 51 (5) The scores on the end-of-grade assessment in mathematics for each category of  
52 students listed in paragraphs (1) through (3) of this subsection."

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**SECTION 2.**

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