

House Bill 546

By: Representatives Kahaian of the 81st, Byrd of the 20th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Scoggins of the 14th, Gambill of the 15th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 15 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to miscellaneous provisions under the "Quality Basic Education Act,"
3 so as to require that local school systems offer certain exams to home study students; to
4 provide for notice requirements; to prohibit additional fees or requirements; to provide a
5 definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 15 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
9 relating to miscellaneous provisions under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended
10 by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

11 "20-2-324.8.

12 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'home study student' means a student in grades
13 six through 12 who is in a home study program that meets the requirements of
14 subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-690.

15 (b) A local school system that offers the PSAT/NMSQT, SAT, PreACT, ACT, or Armed
16 Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) or an advanced placement exam to
17 students enrolled in such local school system shall:

18 (1) Make each such test or exam available to any home study student who would be
19 enrolled in such local school system by virtue of his or her residence under the same
20 rules, policies, and procedures for such test or exam that apply to students enrolled in
21 such local school system who are participating in such test or exam. Such test or exam
22 may be offered to such home study students at the same date and time that such test or
23 exam is offered to students enrolled in such local school system, or at another date and
24 time selected by such local school system; and

25 (2) Post on its public website notice of each such test or exam to be administered. Such
26 notice shall:

27 (A) Include each such test or exam date;

28 (B) Include registration deadlines and procedures; and

29 (C) State that such test or exam is available to home study students who would be
30 enrolled in such local school system by virtue of their residence.

31 (c) A local school system that offers the PSAT/NMSQT, SAT, PreACT, ACT, or Armed
32 Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) or an advanced placement exam to
33 students enrolled in such local school system shall not, as a condition of a home study
34 student participating in such test or exam:

35 (1) Impose any fee that is not imposed on students enrolled in such local school system;
36 or

37 (2) Impose any requirement that conflicts with or is in addition to the requirements of
38 subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-690."

39 **SECTION 2.**

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