

House Bill 542

By: Representatives Berry of the 56th, Griffin of the 149th, Carter of the 93rd, Romman of the 97th, and Clark of the 108th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 2B of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to promise scholarship accounts, so as to require participating private schools to
3 comply with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Act and Section 504
4 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973; to require participating schools to implement
5 participating students' IEPs and Section 504 plans; to provide for rules and policies requiring
6 parents of participating students to provide complete copies of such plans to participating
7 schools; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective
8 date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Protecting All Learners Act."

12 **SECTION 2.**

13 Article 2 of Chapter 2B of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
14 promise scholarship accounts, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

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15 "20-2B-23.1.
16 Notwithstanding any provision of Code Section 20-2B-23 or any other provision of law to
17 the contrary, each participating school shall:
18 (1) Fully implement the most recent Individualized Education Program plan or Section
19 504 plan for each student enrolled in such participating school who is the subject of such
20 plan;
21 (2) Comply to the fullest extent possible with the federal Individuals with Disabilities
22 Education Act and Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and
23 (3) Adopt rules and policies to implement the provisions of this Code section, including,
24 but not limited to, rules and policies requiring parents of participating students to provide
25 the participating school with a complete copy of their child's most recent Individualized
26 Education Program plan or Section 504 plan within ten days of enrollment in such
27 participating school."

28 **SECTION 3.**
29 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025.

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31 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.