

Senate Bill 250

By: Senators Dixon of the 45th, Burns of the 23rd, Setzler of the 37th, Harbin of the 16th, Hickman of the 4th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, so as to provide
3 for the creation of and establish a purpose for the Wesley's Law Grant Program; to provide
4 for the allocation of grant awards under such program; to require the Department of
5 Education to pursue grant funding for such program from the Georgia Opioid Crisis
6 Abatement Trust; to require the State Board of Education to establish award criteria, terms,
7 and conditions for such program; to authorize the Department of Education to promulgate
8 rules and regulations necessary to implement such program; to provide for statutory
9 construction; to provide for annual reporting; to provide definitions; to provide for related
10 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

12 **SECTION 1.**

13 Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
14 relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, is amended by adding a
15 new Code section to read as follows:

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16 "20-2-776.6.

17 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

18 (1) 'Opioid antagonist' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section
19 20-2-776.5.

20 (2) 'Program' means the Wesley's Law Grant Program established by this Code section.

21 (3) 'Trust fund' means the state administered trust known as the Georgia Opioid Crisis
22 Abatement Trust.

23 (b) Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, and subject to available funding, including,
24 but not limited to, appropriations by the General Assembly or trust funds obtained pursuant
25 to subsection (c) of this Code section, the State Board of Education shall establish the
26 Wesley's Law Grant Program to provide up to \$3 million in grant funding for the purpose
27 of providing annual grants to participating local school systems or public schools, including
28 charter schools, to acquire and maintain a supply of opioid antagonists as necessary to
29 implement the purposes of Code Section 20-2-776.5. Such grants shall be awarded based
30 on criteria, terms, and conditions as determined by the State Board of Education.

31 (c) The Department of Education is directed to take all steps reasonably necessary to
32 obtain funding for the program from the trust fund, including, but not limited to, satisfying
33 any application requirements.

34 (d) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to preclude a local school system or
35 public school, including a charter school, from acquiring and maintaining opioid
36 antagonists in accordance with Code Section 20-2-776.5 at its own expense.

37 (e) The Department of Education shall maintain and annually report to the Governor data
38 for the three preceding school years, including, at a minimum:

39 (1) Rates of participation by local school systems and public schools, including charter
40 schools;

41 (2) The number of opioid overdoses occurring at local school systems and public
42 schools, including charter schools;

43 (3) The number of times opioid antagonists were administered at local school systems
44 and public schools, including charter schools;

45 (4) The outcomes of administered opioid antagonists at local school systems and public
46 schools, including charter schools; and

47 (5) The impact of Code Section 20-2-776.5, 'Wesley's Law,' on opioid overdoses at local
48 school systems and public schools, including charter schools.

49 (f) The Department of Education is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations as
50 necessary to administer and implement this Code section."

51 **SECTION 2.**

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