

Senate Bill 300

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Davenport of the 17th, Anderson of the 43rd, James of the 28th, Mangham of the 55th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 9 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to grants for educational programs, so as to establish a program to
3 support recruitment of teachers by providing grant funds to be paid by public schools to
4 student teachers participating in the required student teaching component of their teacher
5 education programs; to provide for applications for grants; to provide for maximum
6 payments; to require the State Board of Education to establish rules and regulations to
7 implement the program; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for
8 related matters; 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 "Student Teacher Promotion Act."

12 **SECTION 2.**

13 Part 9 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
14 relating to grants for educational programs, is amended by revising Code Section 20-2-252,
15 which is reserved, as follows:

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16 "20-2-252.

17 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'student teacher' means a college or university
18 student in a teacher education program approved by the Professional Standards
19 Commission in an institution of the University System of Georgia or in a private
20 postsecondary institution who, as part of such teacher education program, is engaged in
21 student teaching.

22 (b)(1) The State Board of Education shall provide public schools and local school
23 systems with grants, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly and pursuant to
24 applications made by such public schools and local school systems. A student teacher
25 who is assigned to a school that has not applied for a grant shall be permitted to apply for
26 grant funds directly with the State Board of Education. The purpose of such grants shall
27 be to support recruitment of teachers by providing grant funds to be paid by such public
28 schools and local school systems to student teachers who participate in the student
29 teaching component of their teacher education program with such public school or local
30 school system.

31 (2) The total amount of such grant funds paid to each student teacher shall not exceed
32 \$7,500.00. The public schools or local school systems receiving such grants from the
33 State Board of Education may expend grant funds only for purposes of providing for the
34 payment of grant funds to student teachers who are actively engaged and in good standing
35 in the student teaching component of their teacher education program with such public
36 school or local school system. Public schools and local school systems shall be
37 authorized to make payments of grant funds to such student teachers in installments
38 during the student teaching component of their teacher education programs.

39 (c)(1) The State Board of Education, in consultation with public schools and local school
40 systems, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, and the Professional
41 Standards Commission, shall establish rules and regulations to implement the provisions
42 of this Code section.

