

Senate Bill 63

By: Senators Dixon of the 45th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Harbin of the 16th, Hickman of the 4th and others

AS PASSED SENATE

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 qualifications; to provide a definition;
5 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) Each local school system that offers the PSAT/NMSQT, SAT, PreACT, or ACT or an
16 advanced placement exam to students enrolled in such local school system shall:

17 (1) Make each such test or exam available to any home study student who resides in the
18 local school system; and

19 (2) Post on its public website notice of the date that each such test or exam will be
20 administered. Such notice shall include registration dates and procedures and shall state
21 that such test or exam is available for home study students who reside in the local school
22 system.

23 (c) No local school system that offers the PSAT/NMSQT, SAT, PreACT, or ACT or an
24 advanced placement exam to students enrolled in such local school system shall require
25 home study students to pay a fee not required of students enrolled in such local school
26 system or impose any requirement that conflicts with or is in addition to the requirements
27 of subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-690."

28 **SECTION 2.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.