

Senate Bill 236

By: Senators Wicks of the 34th, Payne of the 54th, Merritt of the 9th, Goodman of the 8th,
Brass of the 6th and others

AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-150 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 eligibility for enrollment under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide that
3 certain students whose parents or guardians are on active duty in the United States armed
4 forces are eligible for enrollment in the public school of the attendance zone in which they
5 intend to reside regardless of whether they have entered into a lease, purchased a house, or
6 otherwise secured housing within such attendance zone; to provide for related matters; to
7 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Code Section 20-2-150 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to eligibility for
11 enrollment under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended by revising subsection (e)
12 as follows:

13 "(e) A student whose parent or guardian is on active duty in the United States armed forces
14 and has received official military orders to transfer into or within this state shall be eligible
15 for enrollment, ~~in the same manner and time as for students residing within the local school~~
16 ~~system,~~ in the public school of the attendance zone in which he or she ~~will be residing~~

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17 intends to reside or in a public school authorized pursuant to Code Section 20-2-295, ~~prior~~
18 ~~to physically establishing residency within the local school system regardless of whether~~
19 such student's parent or guardian has entered into a lease, purchased a residence, or
20 otherwise secured housing within such attendance zone, upon presentation of a copy of the
21 official military orders to the local school system. In the event that such student does not
22 subsequently physically reside in the attendance zone in which he or she intended to reside,
23 such student's parent or guardian shall enroll such student in the public school of the
24 attendance zone in which he or she actually physically resides and shall provide proof of
25 such physical residency to such local school system at the conclusion of the current school
26 year. A high school student who is a junior or senior shall be permitted to remain enrolled
27 in his or her current school placement until graduation despite any changes in physical
28 residency."

SECTION 2.

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