

The House Committee on Education offers the following substitute to SB 236:

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, subject to limitations; to provide for  
7 related matters; to 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-; provided, however, that such enrollment  
22 shall be provisional and subject to written verification provided to the school principal or  
23 his or her designee within 90 days of the first day of such provisional enrollment that such  
24 student's parent or guardian has established residency or has made sufficient good faith  
25 efforts to establish residency in such attendance zone. In the event that such student does  
26 not subsequently physically reside in the attendance zone in which he or she intended to  
27 reside or provide verification of sufficient good faith efforts to establish such residency,  
28 such student's parent or guardian shall enroll such student in the public school of the  
29 attendance zone in which he or she actually physically resides and shall provide proof of  
30 such physical residency to such local school system at the conclusion of the 90 day  
31 provisional enrollment period. A high school student who is a junior or senior shall be  
32 permitted to remain enrolled in his or her current school placement until graduation despite  
33 any changes in physical residency."

34 **SECTION 2.**

35 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.