

Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Payne of the 54th, Jones of the 10th, Setzler of the 37th, Harbison of the 15th, and others offered the following amendment #1:

1 *Amend the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 979 (AM 39 0523) by replacing*  
 2 *line 3 with the following:*

3 To amend Code Section 20-2-150 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
 4 eligibility for enrollment under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide that  
 5 certain students whose parents or guardians are on active duty in the United States armed  
 6 forces are eligible for enrollment in the public school of the attendance zone in which they  
 7 intend to reside regardless of whether they have entered into a lease, purchased a house, or  
 8 otherwise secured housing within such attendance zone, subject to limitations; to amend  
 9 Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government,

10 *By inserting between lines 10 and 11 the following:*

11 **SECTION 1A.**

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

15 "(e) A student whose parent or guardian is on active duty in the United States armed forces  
 16 and has received official military orders to transfer into or within this state shall be eligible  
 17 for enrollment, ~~in the same manner and time as for students residing within the local school~~  
 18 ~~system;~~ in the public school of the attendance zone in which he or she ~~will be residing~~  
 19 intends to reside or in a public school authorized pursuant to Code Section 20-2-295, ~~prior~~  
 20 ~~to physically establishing residency within the local school system~~ regardless of whether  
 21 such student's parent or guardian has entered into a lease, purchased a residence, or  
 22 otherwise secured housing within such attendance zone, upon presentation of a copy of the

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