

Senate Bill 139

By: Senators Hill of the 6th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Williams of the 27th, Stone of the 23rd, Millar of the 40th and others

**AS PASSED SENATE**

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-159.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 focused programs of study, so as to provide for submission of additional pathways to the  
3 State Board of Education for consideration; to provide for related matters; to repeal  
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 20-2-159.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to focused  
8 programs of study, is amended as follows:

9 "20-2-159.1.

10 ~~(a) The No later than July 1, 2013, the~~ Department of Education shall develop, and the  
11 State Board of Education shall approve, state models and content standards for ~~the~~  
12 ~~following~~ focused programs of study, as defined in Code Section 20-2-326, including, but  
13 not limited to:

- 14 (1) Agriculture, food, and natural resources;
- 15 (2) Architecture and construction;
- 16 (3) Arts, audio-video technology, and communications;
- 17 (4) Business, management, and administration;
- 18 (5) Education and training;
- 19 (6) Finance;
- 20 (7) Health science;
- 21 (8) Hospitality and tourism;
- 22 (9) Human services;
- 23 (10) Information technology;
- 24 (11) Law, public safety, and security;
- 25 (12) Manufacturing;
- 26 (13) Government and public administration;

27 (14) Marketing, sales, and service;

28 (15) Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; and

29 (16) Transportation, distribution, and logistics.

30 Such focused programs of study may be combined around these and other related clusters.

31 (b) Local school systems, charter schools, and college and career academies shall be  
32 authorized to develop and submit additional pathways, including recommended content  
33 standards, for consideration by the State Board of Education. The Department of  
34 Education shall review and recommend approval or denial of any new pathway to the State  
35 Board of Education within 90 days of submission of such pathway for consideration."

36 **SECTION 2.**

37 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.