

House Bill 224

By: Representatives Belton of the 112th, Smith of the 134th, Rynders of the 152nd, Smyre of the 135th, Ealum of the 153rd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 13 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to organization of schools and school systems under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide that a military student may attend any school in the local school system; to provide a definition; to provide for a streamlined process and annual notice; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 13 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to organization of schools and school systems under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-295.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'military student' means a school aged child of a military service member who lives on a military base or off-base in military housing.

(b) Beginning in school year 2017-2018, the parent of a military student in this state may elect to enroll such student in a public school that is located within the school system in which the military base or off-base military housing in which the student resides is located. The parent shall assume the responsibility for and cost of transportation of the student to and from the school.

(c) Each local school system in which a military base or off-base military housing is located shall:

(1) Establish a universal, streamlined process available to all students to implement the transfer requirements of this Code section; and

(2) Annually notify prior to each school year the parents of each military student by letter, by electronic means, or by such other reasonable means in a timely manner of the options available to the parent under this Code section."

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SECTION 2.

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All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.