

The House Committee on Education offers the following substitute to SB 139:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as
3 to provide for submission of additional pathways to the State Board of Education for
4 consideration; to provide for the annual development of a promoted list of industry
5 credentials and state licenses that meet certain high-demand and high-wage criteria; to
6 provide for distribution of the annual promoted list; to provide for annual reporting; to
7 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

10 Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
11 relating to educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended by
12 revising Code Section 20-2-159.1, relating to focused programs of study, as follows:

13 "20-2-159.1.

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

- 18 (1) Agriculture, food, and natural resources;
- 19 (2) Architecture and construction;
- 20 (3) Arts, audio-video technology, and communications;
- 21 (4) Business, management, and administration;
- 22 (5) Education and training;
- 23 (6) Finance;
- 24 (7) Health science;
- 25 (8) Hospitality and tourism;
- 26 (9) Human services;

- 27 (10) Information technology;
 28 (11) Law, public safety, and security;
 29 (12) Manufacturing;
 30 (13) Government and public administration;
 31 (14) Marketing, sales, and service;
 32 (15) Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; and
 33 (16) Transportation, distribution, and logistics.

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

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

40 (c)(1) The State Workforce Development Board, in consultation with the Department of
 41 Education and the Technical College System of Georgia, shall annually develop a
 42 promoted list of industry credentials and state licenses that:

43 (A) Are linked to an occupation that is in high demand by employers at the local, state,
 44 or regional level; and

45 (B) Lead to an occupation with wages of at least 70 percent of the average annual wage
 46 in this state unless the credential is a stackable credential and is required for the next
 47 level of occupation, which does meet the wage criterion.

48 (2) The Department of Education shall annually distribute the promoted list to all middle
 49 and high schools in this state. Such distribution may be by electronic means. The annual
 50 promoted list shall also be posted on the Department of Education's website.

51 (3) Each local school system shall annually report the number of students earning an
 52 industry credential or state license by type that is on the annual promoted list to the
 53 Department of Education. The Department of Education shall annually report the number
 54 of students earning an industry credential or state license by type that is on the annual
 55 promoted list to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House
 56 of Representatives. The report shall also be posted on the Department of Education's
 57 website."

58 **SECTION 2.**

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