

House Bill 282

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum under the "Quality Basic Education
3 Act," so as to provide for a minimum course of study in career readiness education for
4 students in grades six through 12 to include instruction and training experiences focused on
5 employability and career readiness skills; to provide for legislative findings; to direct the
6 Department of Education to develop, assemble, and make available instructional resources
7 and materials concerning employability and career readiness skills, career exploration, and
8 career oriented learning experiences; to provide for implementation; to provide for related
9 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

11 **SECTION 1.**

12 Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
13 relating to competencies and core curriculum under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is
14 amended by revising Code Section 20-2-145.1, relating to career education, as follows:

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15 "20-2-145.1.

16 (a) The General Assembly finds that students will be better prepared to enter the workforce
17 and succeed in their chosen careers by having the opportunity to participate in classroom
18 instruction and training experiences focused on employability and career readiness skills,
19 including, but not limited to, professionalism; problem solving and resiliency; effective
20 communication; time management and efficiency; and collaboration, teamwork, and
21 leadership competencies in the workplace.

22 (b)(1) The State Board of Education shall prescribe a minimum course of study in career
23 readiness education for students in grades six through 12. Such minimum course of study
24 shall be age appropriate and shall include, but not be limited to, instruction and training
25 experiences focused on employability and career readiness skills, career exploration, and
26 career oriented learning experiences. Instruction and training experiences focused on
27 employability and career readiness skills shall include those skills described in
28 subsection (a) of this Code section. Career oriented learning experiences shall include,
29 but not be limited to, participation in work based learning programs such as internships,
30 apprenticeships, cooperative education, or employability skill development. The State
31 Board of Education shall ensure that career oriented learning experiences include
32 rigorous industry credentialing, as defined in Code Section 20-2-326, if such rigorous
33 industry credentialing has been created or endorsed by Georgia employers.

34 (2) The Department of Education is directed to assemble and develop instructional
35 resources and materials concerning employability and career readiness skills, career
36 exploration, and career oriented learning experiences. The Department of Education shall
37 make such instructional resources and materials available to public schools and local
38 school systems in this state.

39 (3) The minimum course of study to be prescribed by the State Board of Education
40 pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be ready for implementation not later
41 than July 1, 2023."

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SECTION 2.

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