

House Bill 1184

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 12 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to effectiveness of educational programs, so as to require administration
3 of a nationally recognized college entrance exam to public school students in grade 11 who
4 choose to participate; to provide that such exam must be administered during normal school
5 hours; to provide for the Department of Education to coordinate with local school
6 superintendents and state charter school principals, or their equivalent, regarding the timing
7 of test administration and to ensure that students transitioning to and from the Department
8 of Juvenile Justice are included; to prohibit the use of exam results in education
9 accountability programs except as determined by the State Board of Education; to provide
10 that such requirement is contingent upon appropriations by the General Assembly; to provide
11 for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

13 **SECTION 1.**

14 Part 12 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
15 relating to effectiveness of educational programs, is amended by adding a new Code section
16 to read as follows:

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17 "20-2-281.2.
18 (a) Each local school system; each state chartered special school, as defined in
19 paragraph (16) of Code Section 20-2-2062, with students in grade 11; each state charter
20 school, as defined in paragraph (5) of Code Section 20-2-2081, with students in grade 11;
21 and the Department of Juvenile Justice shall select and administer, with state funding, a
22 nationally recognized college entrance exam to public school students enrolled in grade 11
23 who choose to participate. The exam administration shall occur during normal school
24 hours and shall be system-wide or, in the case of state chartered special schools and state
25 charter schools, school-wide.
26 (b) The Department of Education shall coordinate with local school superintendents, state
27 chartered special school principals, and state charter school principals, or their equivalent,
28 regarding the timing of test administration and to ensure that students transitioning to and
29 from the Department of Juvenile Justice are included in a test administration.
30 (c) No exam result shall be part of any accountability assessment program provided for in
31 Chapter 14 of this title except as determined by the State Board of Education."

32 **SECTION 2.**

- 33 (a) This Act shall become effective only if funds are specifically appropriated for the
34 purposes of this Act in an appropriations Act enacted by the General Assembly.
35 (b) If funds are so appropriated, then this Act shall become effective on the later of:
36 (1) The date on which such appropriations Act becomes effective; or
37 (2) The beginning date of the fiscal year for which such appropriations are made.

38 **SECTION 3.**

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