

House Bill 224 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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

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

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

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

11 "20-2-295.

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

14 (b) Beginning in school year 2017-2018, a military student in this state shall be allowed
15 to attend any public school that is located within the school system in which the military
16 base or off-base military housing in which the student resides is located, provided space
17 is available for additional enrollment. The parent shall assume the responsibility for and
18 cost of transportation of the student to and from the school.

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

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

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

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SECTION 2.

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.