

House Bill 390

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 vocational, technical, and adult education, so as to provide that the State Board of the
3 Technical College System of Georgia shall determine the amount of funds needed to provide
4 for adult technical education programs for agriculture; to include agribusiness and food and
5 agricultural sciences in the industry services training program; to provide for related matters;
6 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vocational,
10 technical, and adult education, is amended in Code Section 20-4-16, relating to funding, by
11 revising subsection (a) as follows:

12 "(a) Any other Code section of this article to the contrary notwithstanding, the State Board
13 of the Technical College System of Georgia shall annually determine the amount of funds
14 needed to provide adult literacy and postsecondary technical education programs for
15 agriculture, businesses, industries, adults, and out-of-school youths and shall annually

16 request that the Governor recommend that the General Assembly make such appropriations
17 as are needed."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 20-4-40, relating to program for quick start
20 training established, as follows:

21 "20-4-40.

22 There is established a supplemental program to provide special quick start training to meet
23 the employment training needs of new and expanding industry as well as certain existing
24 industries, including, but not limited to, agribusiness and food and agricultural sciences,
25 which may qualify under rules established by the State Board of the Technical College
26 System of Georgia. The program shall be governed by the State Board of the Technical
27 College System of Georgia."

28 **SECTION 3.**

29 Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 20-4-41, relating to extent and nature of
30 training to be offered, as follows:

31 "20-4-41.

32 The programs of technical training under this article shall be supplementary to those
33 offered by postsecondary technical schools and shall be operated on a state-wide basis to
34 assist any area to become more competitive in agricultural, industrial, and economic
35 development; provided, however, no program may be made available to any area except
36 as prescribed by the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia. The program
37 prescribed in this article shall be concerned only with training for skilled and semiskilled
38 operations, including supervisory personnel associated with such operations, and shall
39 terminate when training needs have been met; provided, however, that basic academic

40 education may be included as a part of the training program when such is necessary to
41 ensure success of trainees in the occupational training program."

42 **SECTION 4.**

43 Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 20-4-42, relating to administration of the
44 program, as follows:

45 "20-4-42.

46 The Technical College System of Georgia shall administer the program under this article
47 and shall provide for technical and engineering services, publicity for the program,
48 instructional services, in-plant and field-based training analysis, rental of instructional
49 facilities with necessary utilities, central warehousing and transportation of equipment and
50 supplies, other necessary services, overall program direction, and an adequate staff to carry
51 out an effective training program."

52 **SECTION 5.**

53 Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 20-4-43, relating to agreements for local
54 facilities and employees and contracts or agreements with private firms, by revising
55 subsection (b) as follows:

56 "(b) Training programs under this article may also be carried out pursuant to annual
57 contracts or agreements between the State Board of the Technical College System of
58 Georgia and private agricultural, industrial, or business firms under rules and regulations
59 adopted by the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia for such purpose.
60 Any such training program carried out pursuant to any such contract shall be assigned to
61 a state postsecondary technical school, an area postsecondary technical school, or the
62 technical or vocational education division of a junior college operated in accordance with
63 a joint agreement between the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia and
64 the board of regents at the time a site is selected for such training program."

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SECTION 6.

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