

House Bill 900

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the  
2 "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to establish the Refugee and International Students  
3 Equalization (RISE) program to provide for funding and wraparound services for eligible  
4 students; to provide for the definition of "international student"; to establish a program  
5 weight and teacher-student ratio for the RISE program in the QBE funding formula; to  
6 provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal  
7 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Quality  
11 Basic Education Act," is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

12 "20-2-156.1.

13 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'international student' means any school-age  
14 child, regardless of his or her citizenship or immigration status, who:

15 (1) Was born outside of the United States;

16 (2) Currently resides in this state;

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42	(2) Kindergarten early intervention program .....	2.0678
43		weight and
44		1 to 11
45		ratio
46	(3) Primary grades program (1-3) .....	1.2948
47		weight and
48		1 to 17
49		ratio
50	(4) Primary grades early intervention program (1-3) .....	1.8180
51		weight and
52		1 to 11
53		ratio
54	(5) Upper elementary grades program (4-5) .....	1.0390
55		weight and
56		1 to 23
57		ratio
58	(6) Upper elementary grades early intervention program (4-5) .....	1.8125
59		weight and
60		1 to 11
61		ratio

62	(7) Middle school program (6-8) .....	1.1380
63		weight and
64		1 to 20
65		ratio
66	(8) High school general education program (9-12) .....	1.0000
67		weight and
68		1 to 23
69		ratio
70	(9) Career, technical, and agricultural education	
71	laboratory program (9-12) .....	1.1830
72		weight and
73		1 to 20
74		ratio
75	(10) Program for persons with disabilities:	
76	Category I .....	2.4118
77		weight and
78		1 to 8
79		ratio

80	(11) Program for persons with disabilities:	
81	Category II .....	2.8402
82		weight and
83		1 to 6.5
84		ratio
85	(12) Program for persons with disabilities:	
86	Category III .....	3.6188
87		weight and
88		1 to 5
89		ratio
90	(13) Program for persons with disabilities:	
91	Category IV .....	5.8710
92		weight and
93		1 to 3
94		ratio
95	(14) Program for persons with disabilities:	
96	Category V .....	2.4737
97		weight and
98		1 to 8
99		ratio

100	(15) Program for intellectually gifted students:	
101	Category VI .....	1.6794
102		weight and
103		1 to 12
104		ratio
105	(16) Remedial education program .....	1.3576
106		weight and
107		1 to 15
108		ratio
109	(17) Alternative education program .....	1.4881
110		weight and
111		1 to 15
112		ratio
113	(18) English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) program .....	2.5892
114		weight and
115		1 to 7
116		ratio
117	<u>(19) Refugee and International Students Equalization (RISE) program . . .</u>	<u>1.2000</u>
118		<u>weight and</u>
119		<u>1 to 7</u>
120		<u>ratio"</u>

121 **SECTION 3.**

122 This Act shall become effective July 1, 2024, and shall be applicable beginning in the  
123 2025-2026 school year and each school year thereafter.

124 **SECTION 4.**

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