

House Bill 971

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 15 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to miscellaneous provisions, so as to allow home study and private  
3 school students to take the PSAT/NMSQT and advanced placement exams through a local  
4 school system under certain conditions; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for  
5 posting of administration dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and  
6 for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Part 15 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
10 relating to miscellaneous provisions, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as  
11 follows:

12 "20-2-324.4.

13 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

14 (1) In 2015, Governor Nathan Deal established the Governor's Education Reform  
15 Commission to look at ways to reshape and revolutionize Georgia's education system;

16 (2) The commission submitted its final report to Governor Nathan Deal on  
17 December 15, 2015, including recommendations from its five subcommittees; and

18 (3) Recommendation 17 of the Expanding Educational Options and School Choice  
19 Subcommittee included the following recommendation: 'Require local school systems  
20 that offer PSAT or AP testing on site to their students to offer such testing equally to  
21 students in private schools, Non-Traditional Educational Centers, or home educated  
22 students who reside within the school system attendance zone.'

23 (b) Each local school system that offers the PSAT/NMSQT or advanced placement exams  
24 to its students shall make every possible effort to make such exams available to any student  
25 who is in a home study program or private school, who resides within the local school  
26 system or a neighboring local school system if the student's resident school system does

27 not offer such exams, and who is not provided the opportunity in his or her program or  
28 private school to take the PSAT/NMSQT or advanced placement exams along with public  
29 school students. Such exams shall be provided at a cost of no more than 10 percent of the  
30 cost to public school students. If any special equipment is necessary to take advanced  
31 placement exams, it shall be provided by the home study student or private school student.  
32 (c) Each local school system and individual school that offers the PSAT/NMSQT or  
33 advanced placement exams to its students shall post on its website the date the  
34 PSAT/NMSQT shall be administered and the date any advanced placement exam shall be  
35 administered. The notice required under this subsection shall include registration dates and  
36 procedures and shall state that the PSAT/NMSQT and advanced placement exam is  
37 available for home study students and private school students who are not provided the  
38 opportunity in their program or private school to take such exam or exams."

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**SECTION 2.**

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