

Senate Bill 209

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Butler of the 55th, Henson of the 41st, Sims of the 12th, Seay of the 34th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-14-33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 indicators of quality of learning in individual schools and school systems, comparison to state
3 standards, and rating schools and school systems, so as to eliminate the star rating for
4 financial efficiency; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 20-14-33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to indicators of
9 quality of learning in individual schools and school systems, comparison to state standards,
10 and rating schools and school systems, is amended by revising subsection (c) as follows:

11 "(c) Performance on the indicators of quality of learning, financial efficiency, school
12 climate, and any other indicators the office adopts shall be compared to state standards,
13 progress on improved student achievement, and comparable performance. The standards
14 for comparison shall be established by the office as provided in Code Section 20-14-31, in
15 coordination with the Department of Education. Data and information regarding the
16 standards shall be included in the annual report provided for in paragraph (2) of subsection
17 (a) of Code Section 20-14-27. Financial efficiency may include an analysis of how federal
18 and state funds spent by local school systems impact student achievement and school
19 improvement, and components used to determine financial efficiency may include actual
20 achievement, resource efficiency, and student participation in standardized testing. School
21 climate determinations may utilize data from student health surveys, data on environmental
22 and behavior indicators, data on student behavioral and school-based reactions, and teacher
23 and parent survey instruments. ~~Financial efficiency and school~~ School climate shall have
24 one of the following star ratings based upon the factors included in this subsection, as
25 further defined by rules and regulations of the office:

- 26 (1) '5-star' schools ranked excellent according to the state determined ~~financial efficiency~~
27 ~~or school climate index, as appropriate;~~
- 28 (2) '4-star' schools ranked above average according to the state determined ~~financial~~
29 ~~efficiency or school climate index, as appropriate;~~
- 30 (3) '3-star' schools ranked average according to the state determined ~~financial efficiency~~
31 ~~or school climate index, as appropriate;~~
- 32 (4) '2-star' schools ranked below satisfactory according to the state determined ~~financial~~
33 ~~efficiency or school climate index, as appropriate;~~ or
- 34 (5) '1-star' schools ranked unsatisfactory according to the state determined ~~financial~~
35 ~~efficiency or school climate index, as appropriate."~~

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SECTION 2.

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