

Senate Bill 240

By: Senators Harrell of the 40th and Burns of the 23rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum, so as to provide for an instructional  
3 program for students in grades eleven and twelve which covers the critical role elections play  
4 in the democratic way of life for people in Georgia and the United States; to provide for  
5 conditioning graduation on completion of such instructional program; to provide for the  
6 development of curriculum content and training; to provide for applicability; to provide for  
7 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
11 relating to competencies and core curriculum, is amended by adding a new Code section to  
12 read as follows:

13 "20-2-142.2.

14 (a) Each local board of education may require all students, as a condition of graduation,  
15 during their eleventh or twelfth grade years to complete an instructional program on the  
16 critical role elections play in the democratic way of life for people in Georgia and the

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17 United States. Such program shall cover electoral systems and processes in general and  
18 shall include demonstrations of Georgia's current voting processes. Such program may  
19 include providing instructional support to students in the process of becoming a registered  
20 voter. This instructional program may be provided within the framework of existing  
21 coursework offered by a local school system.

22 (b) The Department of Education and local boards of education, in collaboration with the  
23 Secretary of State, may provide, or cause to be provided, curriculum content and teacher  
24 training to ensure that the intent and provisions of this Code section are implemented. This  
25 Code section shall apply beginning in the 2021-2022 school year."

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**SECTION 2.**

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.