

Senate Bill 284

By: Senators Esteves of the 6th, Orrock of the 36th, Mallow of the 2nd, Sims of the 12th, Islam of the 7th and others

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,
2 relating to the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to add a program for students living in
3 poverty to the table of quality basic education instructional programs with weights and
4 student-teacher ratios; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
9 "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended by revising Code Section 20-2-130, relating to
10 short title, as follows:

11 "20-2-130.

12 (a) This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'Quality Basic Education Act.'

13 (b) As used in this article:

14 (1) 'Student in foster care' means a student enrolled in a public school who is placed in
15 a foster family home, child care institution, or another substitute care setting approved
16 by the Department of Human Services or Division of Family and Children Services.

17 (2) 'Student living in poverty' means a student enrolled in a public school who meets one
18 or more of the following criteria:

19 (A) Lives in a family unit directly certified to be receiving Supplemental Nutrition
20 Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits;

21 (B) Lives in a family unit directly certified to be receiving Temporary Assistance for
22 Needy Families (TANF) benefits;

23 (C) Is a student in foster care; or

24 (D) Is a student without stable housing.

25 (4) 'Student without stable housing' means a student enrolled in a public school who
26 meets the definition of the term 'homeless children and youths' under the federal
27 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, codified at 42 U.S.C. Section 11301, et seq.,
28 in force and effect on January 1, 2023."

29 **SECTION 2.**

30 Said article is further amended by adding a new paragraph to subsection (b) of Code Section
31 20-2-161, relating to quality basic education formula, to read as follows:

32 "(19) Students living in poverty program 1.7500
33 weight and
34 1 to 15
35 ratio"

36 **SECTION 3.**

37 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.