

House Bill 287 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Rich of the 97th, Jasperse of the 11th, Newton of the 123rd, Belton of the 112th, Camp of the 131st, and others

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 include human trafficking
3 awareness for grades six through 12 in the course of instruction regarding health and physical
4 education; to include vapor products in such course of instruction for kindergarten through
5 grade 12; to include tobacco and vapor products in the course of instruction regarding alcohol
6 and drugs required each year for grades kindergarten through 12; to revise implementation
7 dates; to provide for 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 in Code Section 20-2-142, relating
12 to prescribed courses, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

13 "(c)(1) The State Board of Education shall prescribe a course of study in health and
14 physical education for all grades and grade levels in the public schools and shall establish
15 minimum time requirements and standards for its administration. The course shall
16 include instruction concerning the impact of alcohol, tobacco, vapor products, and drug

17 use upon health. A manual setting out the details of such courses of study shall be
18 prepared or approved by the State School Superintendent in cooperation with the
19 Department of Public Health, the state board, and such expert advisers as they may
20 choose. The Department of Education is directed to assemble or develop instructional
21 resources and materials concerning alcohol and drug abuse, taking into consideration
22 technological enhancements available for utilization of such instructional resources.

23 (2) The State Board of Education shall prescribe a course of study in human trafficking
24 awareness for grades six through 12, which may be included as part of the health and
25 physical education course of study provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection."

26 **SECTION 2.**

27 Said part is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-144, relating to mandatory
28 instruction concerning alcohol and drug use, as follows:

29 "20-2-144.

30 (a) Each local board of education shall prescribe mandatory instruction concerning
31 alcohol, tobacco, vapor products, and other drug use in every year in every grade from
32 kindergarten through grade 12 as shall be determined by the State Board of Education.
33 Such course of study shall implement the minimum course of study provided for in
34 subsection (b) of this Code section or its equivalent, as approved by the State Board of
35 Education. Each local board of education may supplement the exact approach of content
36 areas of such minimum course of study with such curriculum standards as it may deem
37 appropriate. Such standards shall include instruction which discourages the use of alcohol,
38 tobacco, vapor products, and controlled substances and communicates that the use of illicit
39 drugs and improper use of legally obtained drugs is wrong and dangerous.

40 (b) The State Board of Education shall prescribe a minimum course of study of alcohol,
41 tobacco, vapor products, and other drug use which may be included as a part of a course
42 of study in comprehensive health education where offered and where appropriate.

43 Instruction also shall be integrated into other curriculum requirements as determined by the
44 State Board of Education. The course shall be age appropriate, shall be sequential in
45 method of study, and shall include the following elements where appropriate in the
46 instruction:

47 (1) Detailed, factual information regarding physiological, psychological, sociological,
48 and legal aspects of substance abuse;

49 (2) Detailed information concerning the availability of help and assistance for persons
50 with chemical dependency problems;

51 (3) Skills needed to evaluate advertisements for, and media portrayals of, alcohol,
52 tobacco, vapor products, and controlled substances; and

53 (4) Detailed instruction on the need for, and role of, lawful authority and law-abiding
54 behavior, which instruction may include interacting and working with members of the
55 legal and justice professions.

56 (c) A manual setting out the details of such course of study shall be prepared by or
57 approved by the State School Superintendent in cooperation with the Department of Public
58 Health, the State Board of Education, the Department of Public Safety, and such expert
59 advisers as they may choose.

60 (d) The minimum course of study to be prescribed by the State Board of Education
61 pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section shall be ready for implementation not later
62 than July 1, ~~1990~~ 2021. Each local board shall implement either such minimum course of
63 study or its equivalent not later than December 31, ~~1990~~ 2021. Any local board of
64 education which fails to comply with this subsection shall not be eligible to receive any
65 state funding under this article until such minimum course of study or its equivalent has
66 been implemented."

67 **SECTION 3.**

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