

House Bill 527 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-161 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 Quality Basic Education Formula, so as to change program weights for funding purposes; to  
3 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 SECTION 1.

6 Code Section 20-2-161 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Quality  
7 Basic Education Formula, is amended by revising subsection (b) as follows:

8 "(b) As the cost of instructional programs varies depending upon the teacher-student ratios  
9 and specific services typically required to address the special needs of students enrolled,  
10 state authorized instructional programs shall have the following program weights and  
11 teacher-student ratios:

12	(1) Kindergarten program .....	<del>1.6508</del>
13		<u>1.6724</u>
14		weight and
15		1 to 15
16		ratio
17	(2) Kindergarten early intervention program .....	<del>2.0348</del>
18		<u>2.0678</u>
19		weight and
20		1 to 11
21		ratio
22	(3) Primary grades program (1-3) .....	<del>1.2849</del>
23		<u>1.2948</u>
24		weight and
25		1 to 17
26		ratio

27	(4) Primary grades early intervention program (1-3) .....	<del>1.7931</del>
28		<u>1.8180</u>
29		weight and
30		1 to 11
31		ratio
32	(5) Upper elementary grades program (4-5) .....	<del>1.0355</del>
33		<u>1.0390</u>
34		weight and
35		1 to 23
36		ratio
37	(6) Upper elementary grades early intervention program (4-5) .....	<del>1.7867</del>
38		<u>1.8125</u>
39		weight and
40		1 to 11
41		ratio
42	(7) Middle school program (6-8) .....	<del>1.1310</del>
43		<u>1.1380</u>
44		weight and
45		1 to 20
46		ratio
47	(8) High school general education program (9-12) .....	1.0000
48		weight and
49		1 to 23
50		ratio
51	(9) Career, technical, and agricultural education	
52	laboratory program (9-12) .....	<del>1.1916</del>
53		<u>1.1830</u>
54		weight and
55		1 to 20
56		ratio
57	(10) Program for persons with disabilities:	
58	Category I .....	<del>2.3798</del>
59		<u>2.4118</u>
60		weight and
61		1 to 8
62		ratio

63	(11) Program for persons with disabilities:	
64	Category II .....	<del>2.7883</del>
65		<u>2.8402</u>
66		weight and
67		1 to 6.5
68		ratio
69	(12) Program for persons with disabilities:	
70	Category III .....	<del>3.5493</del>
71		<u>3.6188</u>
72		weight and
73		1 to 5
74		ratio
75	(13) Program for persons with disabilities:	
76	Category IV .....	<del>5.7509</del>
77		<u>5.8710</u>
78		weight and
79		1 to 3
80		ratio
81	(14) Program for persons with disabilities:	
82	Category V .....	<del>2.4511</del>
83		<u>2.4737</u>
84		weight and
85		1 to 8
86		ratio
87	(15) Program for intellectually gifted students:	
88	Category VI .....	<del>1.6589</del>
89		<u>1.6794</u>
90		weight and
91		1 to 12
92		ratio
93	(16) Remedial education program .....	<del>1.3087</del>
94		<u>1.3576</u>
95		weight and
96		1 to 15
97		ratio

98	(17) Alternative education program .....	<del>1.4711</del>
99		<u>1.4881</u>
100		weight and
101		1 to 15
102		ratio
103	(18) English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) program .....	<del>2.5049</del>
104		<u>2.5892</u>
105		weight and
106		1 to 7
107		ratio"

108 **SECTION 2.**

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