

Senators Hickman of the 4th, Dixon of the 45th, Tillery of the 19th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Williams of the 25th and others offered the following amendment:

1 *Amend SB 464 (LC 49 1734) by replacing lines 1 through 2 with the following:*

2 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
3 elementary and secondary education, so as to revise the "Georgia Early Literacy Act"; to
4 establish the School Supplies for

5 *By inserting "to provide for an effective date;" after "matters;" on line 13.*

6 *By replacing line 17 with the following:*

7 Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and
8 secondary education, is amended by adding a two new paragraphs to subsection (b), revising
9 subparagraphs (c)(3)(B), (c)(4)(A), and (c)(4)(B), and repealing and reserving subparagraph
10 (d)(3)(B) of Code Section 20-2-153.1, relating to Georgia Early Literacy, definitions,
11 uniform grade appropriate metrics to measure literacy, role of school boards, and
12 accommodations, to read as follows:

13 "(1.1) 'Center' means the Sandra Dunagan Deal Center for Early Language and Literacy.

14 (1.2) 'Council' means the Georgia Council on Literacy."

15 "(B) ~~By May 15, 2024~~ As soon as practicable but not later than July 1, 2024, the board
16 shall approve the memorandum of agreement between the council and the department,
17 as provided for in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (4) of this subsection, for a free a list
18 of universal reading ~~screeners~~ screener to be used for use by public schools and local
19 school systems as part of their comprehensive literacy programs which meet the
20 following criteria:"

21 ~~"(4)(A) As soon as practicable but not later than August~~ By June 1, 2024, the
22 department shall publish on its public website a list of board approved providers of
23 universal reading screeners for use by public schools and local school systems,
24 ~~including~~ the free universal reading screener provided by the department that each
25 public school and local school system shall adopt and administer in order to comply
26 with the requirements of subparagraph (d)(3)(C) of this Code section.
27 (B) ~~The department shall provide~~ council, in collaboration with the center and the
28 Office of Planning and Budget, shall identify a universal reading screener that meets
29 the criteria established by the board as provided in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3)
30 of this subsection. The council shall enter into a memorandum of agreement with the
31 department to make such ~~Such~~ universal reading screener ~~shall be made~~ available for
32 use free of charge to public schools and local school systems ~~and shall be included on~~
33 ~~the list provided for in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph."~~

34 **SECTION 2.**

35 Said chapter is further amended in Article 17, relating to

36 *By replacing line 80 with the following:*

37 **SECTION 3.**

38 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
39 without such approval.

40 **SECTION 4.**