

House Bill 24

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 6 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to employment under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide
3 for a program of incentive pay for quality teachers in schools with high numbers or high
4 percentages of children from low-income families; to provide for a legislative finding; to
5 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 6 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
9 relating to employment under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended by revising
10 Code Section 20-2-212.3, which is reserved, to read as follows:

11 "20-2-212.3.

12 (a) The General Assembly finds that financial assistance should be provided to local
13 school systems and schools with high numbers or percentages of children from low-income
14 families to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards.

15 (b) Subject to appropriations, the State Board of Education shall establish a program of
16 incentive pay to retain and employ quality teachers in schools with high numbers or high
17 percentages of children from low-income families. Such incentive pay may include salary
18 increases or bonuses.

19 (c) The state board shall establish criteria for eligible schools and qualified teachers. Local
20 boards of education shall provide annually to the Department of Education a roster of
21 teachers who meet the requirements of the incentive program established pursuant to this
22 Code section and are eligible for incentive pay.

23 **Reserved."**

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.