

The House Committee on Education offers the following substitute to HB 405:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 elementary and secondary education, so as to require members of governing boards of
3 nonprofit organizations which are charter petitioners, charter schools, and state charter
4 schools to participate in governance training; to provide for related matters; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

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 new Code section to read as follows:

9 "20-2-2072.

10 The members of the governing board of the nonprofit organization of each charter school
11 shall participate in initial training for boards of newly approved charter schools and annual
12 training thereafter, conducted or approved by the state board. The state board shall provide
13 for or approve such initial and annual training. The training shall include, but not be
14 limited to, best practices on school governance, the constitutional and statutory
15 requirements relating to public records and meetings, and the requirements of applicable
16 statutes and rules and regulations."
17

SECTION 2.

18 Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (12) of subsection (b) of Code Section
19 20-2-2083, relating to the powers and the duties of the State Charter Schools Commission,
20 as follows:

21 "(12) Provide for or approve initial training for boards of newly approved state charter
22 schools and annual training thereafter, as determined by the commission, for members
23 of state charter school governing boards. The training shall include, but not be limited
24 to, best practices on school governance, the constitutional and statutory requirements
25

26 relating to public records and meetings, and the requirements of applicable statutes and
27 rules and regulations."

28 **SECTION 3.**

29 Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (f) of Code Section 20-2-2084,
30 relating to state charter school requirements, as follows:

31 "(f) The members of the governing board of each state charter school shall participate in
32 initial training for boards of newly approved state charter schools and annual training
33 thereafter conducted or approved by the commission pursuant to paragraph (12) of
34 subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-2083."

35 **SECTION 4.**

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