

House Bill 443

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-1021 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 display of historically significant documents, so as to provide for a printed copy of the United  
3 States Constitution to be provided to every public school student in this state in a grade to  
4 be determined by the State School Superintendent; to allow for a printed copy of the United  
5 States Constitution to be part of a bound volume including other historically significant  
6 documents; to provide for distribution during Celebrate Freedom Week by public schools;  
7 to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
8 other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Constitutional Scholars Act."  
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13 **SECTION 2.**

14 Code Section 20-2-1021 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to display of  
15 historically significant documents, is amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

16 "(c) Each school year the State Board of Education shall provide for every public school  
17 student in this state in a grade to be determined by the State School Superintendent to be  
18 given a printed copy of the United States Constitution during Celebrate Freedom Week as  
19 provided for in Code Section 20-2-1020. At the discretion of the State Board of Education,  
20 such printed copy may be included in a bound volume that includes all or portions of other  
21 documents provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section. Public schools and local  
22 school systems shall facilitate the distribution of such printed copies to such students."

23 **SECTION 3.**

24 This Act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

25 **SECTION 4.**

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.