

House Bill 605

By: Representatives Dickey of the 145th, Bentley of the 150th, Martin of the 49th, and Knight of the 134th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 4 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to the Realizing Educational Achievement Can Happen (REACH)
3 Scholarship, so as to provide that victims of human trafficking are eligible for such
4 scholarship; to provide for the selection of REACH scholars; to provide for related matters;
5 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 4 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
9 relating to the Realizing Educational Achievement Can Happen (REACH) Scholarship, is
10 amended by revising paragraph (3) of Code Section 20-3-497, relating to establishment of
11 REACH scholarship and student requirements, as follows:

12 "(3) Qualify for the federal free or reduced lunch program or be a victim of human
13 trafficking;"

14 **SECTION 2.**

15 Said part is further amended by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (a) of Code Section
16 20-3-499, relating to selection of REACH scholars, and adding a new paragraph to read as
17 follows:

18 "(1.1) Identifying eligible students who are victims of human trafficking;"

19 "(4) Reviewing student packets, including the nomination form, proof of eligibility for
20 federal free or reduced lunch or as a victim of human trafficking, citizenship and
21 residency requirements, and grade, attendance, and discipline reports; and"

22 **SECTION 3.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.