

WITHDRAWN

Senators Ligon of the 3rd, Hill of the 32nd, McKoon of the 29th, Crane of the 28th and Albers of the 56th offered the following amendment:

1 *Amend the Senate Education and Youth Committee substitute to HB 897 (LC 33 5645S) by*
 2 *striking line 77 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

3 Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

4 "20-2-141.1.

5 (a) Beginning on the effective date of this Code section, the State of Georgia shall retain
 6 sole control over the development and revision of the content standards established
 7 pursuant to Code Section 20-2-140; provided, however, that this shall not apply to courses
 8 developed and submitted by local boards of education for approval by the state board. On
 9 and after the effective date of this Code section, the state board shall comply with the clear
 10 legislative intent for the state to cease its participation in the national standards movement
 11 whether such standards originate as federally prescribed content standards or any national
 12 or multi-state content standards established by a consortium of states or a third party. The
 13 state shall not relinquish any binding control over its content standards as a condition of
 14 receiving any grant.

15 (b) No official of the State of Georgia, whether elected or appointed or representing the
 16 state in any capacity, shall join, on behalf of the state or a state agency, any consortium,
 17 association, or entity or enter into a binding agreement, when such membership or
 18 agreement would relinquish any measure of control over standards and assessments, to any
 19 individual or entity outside the state.

20 (c) All state education agencies and entities shall annually submit to the General Assembly
 21 a detailed report of any educational grant, whether governmental or private, that such
 22 agency or entity has applied for or received. The report shall include:

23 (1) Long-term projections of unfunded costs for both state and local governments for at
 24 least four years beyond the end of the grant period;

25 (2) The purpose and effect of the program, including its effect on and interrelationship
 26 with any existing program currently operating within this state;

27 (3) Justification for the program and peer reviewed research, if any, that validates the
 28 effectiveness of the program; and

29 (4) Any negative effects on the constitutional rights of Georgia citizens, including their
 30 right to exercise control over education."