

House Bill 995

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 12 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to effectiveness of educational programs, so as to require the
3 administration of a nationally recognized multiple-aptitude battery assessment that measures
4 developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military
5 to public school students in grades 11 and 12 who choose to participate; to prohibit the use
6 of assessment results in education accountability programs; to provide for parents and
7 guardians to opt their children out of participating in such assessments; to provide for related
8 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 SECTION 1.

11 Part 12 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
12 relating to effectiveness of educational programs, is amended by adding a new Code section
13 to read as follows:

14 "20-2-281.2.

15 (a) Each public school and local school system with students enrolled in grades 11 and 12
16 shall select and administer to public school students enrolled in grades 11 and 12 who

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17 choose to participate a nationally recognized multiple-aptitude battery assessment that
18 measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success
19 in the military. Such administration shall occur during normal school hours and shall be
20 made available school wide and system wide. All students enrolled in grades 11 and 12
21 shall have the opportunity to participate at least once in the administration of such
22 assessment.

23 (b) No result of any assessment provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section shall
24 be part of any education accountability assessment program provided for in Article 2 of
25 Chapter 14 of this title.

26 (c) In the event that a parent or guardian of a student elects for their child not to participate
27 in the administration of an assessment provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section,
28 such student's school or school system shall not administer the assessment to that student."

29 **SECTION 2.**

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.