

The Senate Committee on Higher Education offered the following substitute to SB 52:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-161.3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 the "Dual Enrollment Act," purpose, dual credit courses, eligibility for participation, and
3 eligibility for payment, so as to require the Department of Education to establish participation
4 and performance targets for the program; to require governmental agencies or organizations
5 that receive program funds to annually collect and share certain data; to require the Georgia
6 Student Finance Commission to annually measure and evaluate the program, maintain data,
7 and report certain data analyses related to the program to the Governor and the General
8 Assembly; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal
9 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

11 **SECTION 1.**

12 Code Section 20-2-161.3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Dual
13 Enrollment Act," purpose, dual credit courses, eligibility for participation, and eligibility for
14 payment, is amended by revising subsection (n) as follows:

15 "(n)(1) Any governmental agency or organization, including, but not limited to, the
16 department, the University System of Georgia, and the Technical College System of
17 Georgia, that receives funds for dual enrollment programs shall annually collect and share

18 with the commission data including, at a minimum, the following data analyses,
19 disaggregated by student groups according to race, gender, ethnicity, economic status,
20 grade level, and geographic location:

21 (A) Participation rates;

22 (B) Rates of students earning dual credit;

23 (C) Rates of college enrollment and graduation for students who have completed one
24 or more dual credit courses pursuant to this Code section;

25 (D) Correlation between completion of one or more dual credit courses pursuant to this
26 Code section and the length of time to complete a college degree program; and

27 (E) Correlation between dropped, withdrawn, and failed dual credit courses attempted
28 pursuant to this Code section, if any.

29 (2) The commission shall collect and monitor enrollment and student record data for
30 eligible dual credit courses taken pursuant to this Code section. The commission shall
31 annually measure and evaluate the program and shall maintain all data collected or
32 received pursuant to this subsection. On or before October 1 of each year, the
33 commission shall provide to the Governor and each chamber of the General Assembly
34 a report covering the three immediately preceding school years and including, at a
35 minimum, the following data analyses, disaggregated by student groups according to
36 race, gender, ethnicity, economic status, grade level, and geographic location:

37 (A) Participation rates;

38 (B) Rates of students earning dual credit;

39 (C) Rates of college enrollment and graduation for students who have completed one
40 or more dual credit courses pursuant to this Code section;

41 (D) Correlation between completion of one or more dual credit courses pursuant to this
42 Code section and the length of time to complete a college degree program;

43 (E) Correlation between dropped, withdrawn, and failed dual credit courses attempted
44 pursuant to this Code section, if any;

45 (F) Common factors in dropped, withdrawn, and failed dual credit courses attempted
46 pursuant to this Code section;

47 (G) Measures of meeting or exceeding program objectives and targets; and

48 (H) Cost savings for students, families, and the state, resulting from dual credit courses
49 taken pursuant to this Code section.

50 (3) The department shall establish participation and performance targets, including, but
51 not limited to, targets to increase participation and success among underrepresented
52 groups of students.

53 (4) The Office of Planning and Budget, the department, eligible postsecondary
54 institutions, and local boards of education shall cooperate with and provide data as
55 necessary to the commission to facilitate the provisions of this subsection.

56 (5) The commission is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations as necessary to
57 implement the provisions of this subsection."

58 **SECTION 2.**

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