

Senate Bill 550

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-1A-10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 regulation of early care and education programs, so as to provide for a minimum salary
3 schedule for Georgia's Pre-K Program lead teachers, subject to appropriations; to provide for
4 an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 20-1A-10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of
9 early care and education programs, is amended by adding a new subsection to read as
10 follows:

11 "(f.1)(1) The department shall be authorized to establish a schedule of minimum salaries
12 for services rendered by Georgia's Pre-K Program lead teachers who possess required
13 credentials as determined by the department. The minimum salary schedule shall provide
14 a minimum salary base; shall provide for increment increases above the minimum salary
15 base based upon individual experience and length of satisfactory service; and shall

16 include such other uniformly applicable factors as the department may find relevant to
17 the establishment of such a schedule.

18 (2) Effective July 1, 2024, the minimum salary base for Georgia's Pre-K Program lead
19 teachers who possess the required credentials shall be no less than 100 percent of the
20 minimum base salary for certificated professional personnel with a bachelor's degree as
21 provided on the schedule of minimum salaries provided for in subsection (a) of Code
22 Section 20-2-212.

23 (3) This subsection shall be subject to appropriations by the General Assembly."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.