

Senate Bill 86

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AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to financing under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to allow
3 eligible students participating in the Dual Enrollment program to access HOPE grant funds
4 for certain CTAE courses irrespective of whether they have reached maximum credit hour
5 caps; to provide for data collection and reporting; to provide for rules and regulations; to
6 provide for an automatic repeal; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related
7 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
11 relating to financing under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended by adding a new
12 Code section to read as follows:

13 "20-2-161.4.

14 (a)(1) Beginning July 1, 2023, each student participating in the Dual Enrollment program
15 provided for in Code Section 20-2-161.3 who is eligible for a HOPE grant pursuant to
16 Code Section 20-3-519.5 shall be allowed to access HOPE grant funds for eligible CTAE

17 courses, as defined in Code Section 20-2-161.3, irrespective of whether such student has
18 reached any maximum credit hour cap provided for in Code Section 20-2-161.3.

19 (2) For three years beginning on July 1, 2023, the Georgia Student Finance Commission,
20 in collaboration with the Technical College System of Georgia, shall collect and report
21 data on:

22 (A) Student enrollment in and completion of at least one eligible CTAE course, as
23 defined in Code Section 20-2-161.3, as part of the Dual Enrollment program provided
24 for in Code Section 20-2-161.3;

25 (B) HOPE grant funding and Dual Enrollment program funding, including, but not
26 limited to, the number of students who received such funding and the maximum, mean,
27 median, and mode amounts of such funding received by students;

28 (C) Postsecondary credits earned by students who received such funding;

29 (D) The number of students who enrolled in a postsecondary degree program after
30 completing a program of study that includes at least one eligible CTAE course, as
31 defined in Code Section 20-2-161.3, as part of the Dual Enrollment program provided
32 for in Code Section 20-2-161.3; and

33 (E) The number of students employed in a high-demand field after completing a
34 focused program of study identified by the State Board of the Technical College System
35 of Georgia as part of the High-demand Career Initiatives Program provided for in Code
36 Section 20-4-152.

37 No later than January 1 each year, the Georgia Student Finance Commission shall provide
38 an interim report to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the director of the Office of
39 Planning and Budget, and the chairpersons of the House Committee on Education, the
40 Senate Education and Youth Committee, the House Committee on Higher Education, and
41 the Senate Higher Education Committee. A final report shall be provided to the same no
42 later than September 1, 2026.

43 (3) The Georgia Student Finance Commission, in consultation with the State Board of
44 Education, the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia, and the Office
45 of Workforce Development, shall establish rules and regulations to implement the
46 provisions of this subsection.

47 (b) This Code section shall stand repealed on June 30, 2026."

48 **SECTION 2.**

49 Said part is further amended in Code Section 20-2-161.3, relating to the "Dual Enrollment
50 Act," purpose, dual credit courses, eligibility for participation, and eligibility for payment,
51 by adding new subsections to read as follows:

52 "(p)(1) The department and any organization that receives program funds shall annually
53 report to the commission, at a minimum, the following data:

54 (A) Rates of participation, dual credit earned, and attempted but uncompleted courses;

55 (B) Rates of college enrollment and graduation for participating students; and

56 (C) Correlation between completion of eligible dual credit courses and the time to
57 complete a college degree program.

58 (2) The commission shall maintain and annually report to the Governor and the General
59 Assembly data for the three preceding school years, including, at a minimum, the data
60 reported under paragraph (1) of this subsection and:

61 (A) The impact of the program on credential attainment; and

62 (B) Cost savings resulting from the program.

63 (3) The commission is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations as necessary to
64 implement this subsection."

65 **SECTION 3.**

66 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2023.

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SECTION 4.

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