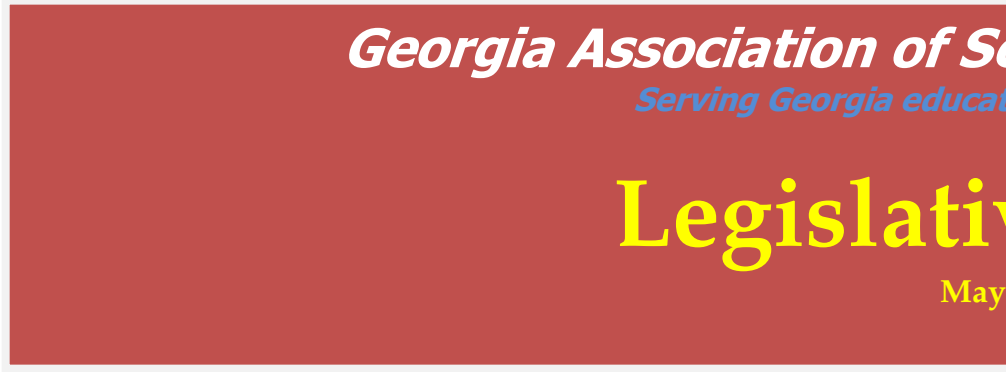


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BILLS THAT PASSED THE 2010 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Governor has until June 8, 2010 to veto or sign the following bills. After that date the bills become law without his signature. The full bills may be seen at www.legis.state.ga.us.

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Very great appreciation is expressed to *Skip Yow*, Metro RESA, *Sally Fitzgerald*, GA PTA, and *Angela Palm*, GSBA, all of whom contributed to this report.

HB 400 The Bridge Bill; sets up expansion of CTAE programs including industry certification, graduation plans, and articulation with colleges.

The impact of the bill is contingent upon funding (did not happen for FY 2011) but it does require graduation plans, colleges to participate in articulation agreements, and

stipulates that passing industry certification exams can be used as a substitute for HSGTs (GADOE will have to formulate rules).

HB 493 Creates the Georgia Youth Conservation Corps, utilizing unemployed teenagers and young adults to do weatherization; monitored by State Department of Labor

HB 571 Prohibits any teacher or administrator from having sex with students at their school unless they are married to the student.

Deals with two situations this year where courts ruled consensual sex with students over 16 was not prosecutable.

HB 651 Permits the DOE to distribute sex offender information via website and/or email

HB 905 Extends capital outlay through FY2015. (Capital outlay is the distribution of construction funds by the GADOE.)

HB 916 Makes May 15 the contract notification deadline for 2010 and 2011. **Bill has been signed by the Governor.**

HB 907 Expands middle school funding to all configurations of grades 6, 7, and 8.

HB 908 Relaxes spending controls through 2013; permits systems to use **system average** to determine class size compliance; gives SBOE authority to grant class size waivers by system

or for the state as a whole.

HB 910 Requires gender equity reports be made to DOE; requires DOE to produce an annual report

HB 916 Changes ERS retirement/return to work rules including a two month period of no work. **Bill was originally thought to apply to TRS as well, but investigation found that the law is**

specific to ERS only. TRS rules for retirement/return to work have not changed.

HB 923 Grandfathers educators that were enrolled in graduate education leadership programs on April 1, 2009, that complete their degrees/certification as follows:

Masters—July 1, 2012; Specialist—July 1, 2013; Doctorate—July 1, 2014. The grandfathering permits educators meeting these guidelines to be paid for a leadership certificate even though they do not hold a leadership position.

HB 936 Permits systems to use transportation funds for the refurbishing of buses done by approved refurbishers.

HB 977 Prohibits superintendents from receiving raises in years were teachers are furloughed.

HB 980 Permits local BOE members to engage in bail bond business.

HB 1079 PSC fees may be paid by credit card; PSC administers background check program for all certificated personnel.

HB 1086 Expands to private school teachers the privacy of records already extended to public school teachers.

HB 1200 Permits local BOEs to accept donations for field trips. (Simply puts into law a common practice.)

HB 1307 Suspends the 10 PLU requirement for recertification through 2015.

SB 84 Establishes local BOE qualifications, ethics, and a nepotism policy effective January 1, 2010, for relatives of superintendents. Immediate relatives of BOE members may not be

appointed to administrative positions in the school system where the BOE member serves and immediate relatives of the Superintendent may not be appointed to

administrative positions in the system of the Superintendent. All persons appointed or elected in their current system prior to July 1, 2009, are exempt from these nepotism rules .

SB 239 Parents are required to enroll students within 15 days of moving into a school district.

SB 250 Expands law on school disruption; expands bullying statute to include cyber bullying that involves school system technology equipment.

SB 299 Removes felony charge on first possession of a weapon at school, assuming weapon is not used in a threatening manner. This bill does NOT change school system policies

regarding weapon possession—student may face expulsion on FIRST weapon possession at school.

SB 308 Persons who have a *weapon carry license* may have a handgun or rifle in their locked car while parked on school property.

SB 319 Add computers and software to the definition of textbooks, thereby permitting such funds to be used for their purchase.

SB 340 Requires local system to file electronic transcripts for **all students in grades 9-12 each year with GSFC.**

SB 341 Requires state residency to earn \$500 GED scholarship voucher.

SB 387 Requires that GSFC maintain the GACOLLEGE411 website which will include SAT Prep.

SB 392 Requires that systems use only motor carriers (charter buses) from an approved list provided by Public Service Commission

SB 427 Establishes the Georgia Foundation for Public Education to receive gifts and donations to support various programs such as Governor's Honors, Science Olympiad, etc.

SB 457 Empowers high school clusters to become high school charter systems

SB 518 Requires the development and implementation of a curriculum for studying the Pledge of Allegiance to US and Georgia flag.