

# GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

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**Final Legislative Update-Education Bills Passing 2009 General Assembly**



Listed below are the education bills that the Governor may veto or enact bills that have not passed. As expected there were surprises in the supplemental, **did pass**. Of serious importance are the bills that have not passed. HB 480 (changes to ad valorem tax) would have provided sales tax option.

BILL	BRIEF TITLE	DESCRIPTION
HB 100	Scholarship organizations	Gives private school scholarship organizations more flexibility and greater tax credit
HB 120	Sales tax holiday	Sets July 30--August 2, 2009 as the sales tax holiday for school supplies and computers
HB 143	Home owner tax relief	Funds home owner tax relief for FY09, future years contingent upon surplus funds and only then at midterm
HB 149	Move on when ready	Enable 11th and 12th graders to enter USGA college or TCSGA college when they meet entrance requirements
HB 193	Schedule flexibility	Changes 180 day requirement to 1440 hours; <i>permits</i> local systems to make Veteran's Day a school holiday; enact SB 250
HB 229	New Shape bill	Requires annual physical fitness assessment in all classes taught by certified

		physical education teacher
HB 243	National Certification pay	Grandfathers National Board Certified teachers for salary supplement but reduces it to 10% of entry level T4
HB 251	Intra-district choice	Permits choice of any school in district where there is space; requires notification to parents; creates state nepotism policy
HB 280	Math Science Supplement	Beginning math and science teachers will be placed at Step 5 on the State Education pay scale
HB 300	Meningococcal notice	Requires school systems to notify about advisability of meningococcal meningitis vaccine when appropriate
HB 313	HOPE GPA calculation	Sets procedures for calculating HOPE GPA per new one diploma requirements
HB 455	Contracts deadline 5/15	Moves contract offer deadline to May 15 this year; extends Master Teacher; requires admin position to earn admin degree pay (effective July 1, 2010)
HB 484	Military HOPE	Makes military dependents stationed in Georgia eligible for HOPE Scholarship
HB 555	Charter school facilities	Requires school systems to make <i>unused</i> facilities and equipment available to local charter schools at no cost
SB 008	Epinephrine pens	Permits students with asthma that have a prescription to carry epinephrine injections pens at school
SB 014	Sex offender	Prohibits a registered sex offender from serving on local school boards of education
SB 027	Confederate Heritage	Encourages school systems to celebrate Confederate Heritage month
SB 114	Military Compact	Establishes procedures and protocol when military dependents transfer into Georgia public schools
SB 178	Omnibus education act	1. Extends capital outlay to 2011; 2. suspends spending controls; 3. funds dual enrollment; 4. enacts HB 400--Bridge Bill
SB 210	Home school Gov. Honors	Allows home school students to apply for Governor's Honors Program
SB	School disruption	Makes disruption of school or a school bus

250	act	a violation of law; added to HB 193
SR 406	Accreditation flexibility	Encourages accreditation agencies to give systems flexibility in written responses to deficiencies
SR 595	RESA study commission	Creates a study commission to look at RESA organization and funding

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