

House Bill 1381

By: Representatives Evans of the 89th and Ballard of the 147th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Subpart 1 of Part 6 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of
2 Georgia Annotated, relating to certificated professional personnel, so as to establish
3 standards for literacy coaches under the Professional Standards Commission; to provide for
4 definitions; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Subpart 1 of Part 6 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
9 Annotated, relating to certificated professional personnel, is amended by adding a new Code
10 section to read as follows:

11 "20-2-209.2.

12 (a) The General Assembly finds that the contributions of literacy coaches toward ensuring
13 student success are very important to this state.

14 (b) As used in this Code section, the term:

15 (1) 'Andragogy' means the method and practice of teaching adult learners.

16 (2) 'Literacy coach' means an instructional leader with specialized knowledge in the
17 science of reading, evidence based practices, the English language, and how to work with
18 teachers and students.

19 (3) 'Pedagogy' means the method and practice of teaching children.

20 (c) The Professional Standards Commission is authorized and directed to establish the
21 Georgia Literacy Coach Certification Program to provide recognition to literacy coaches
22 that meet the program's standards.

23 (d) The Professional Standards Commission shall establish criteria for a Georgia Literacy
24 Coach Certification. Such certification shall, at a minimum, include training in the use of
25 effective methods in the following areas:

26 (1) Planning, implementing, and analyzing standards based literacy instruction based on
27 the science of reading and evidence based practices;

28 (2) Collecting and using data on instructional practices to inform and implement
29 professional learning opportunities; and

30 (3) Andragogy and pedagogy.

31 (e) The Professional Standards Commission shall review the performance of each literacy
32 coach who completes the training described in subsection (d) of this Code section and
33 determine whether such individual meets the criteria for Georgia Literacy Coach
34 Certification. If the Professional Standards Commission finds that a literary coach meets
35 the criteria, such individual shall be awarded a Georgia Literacy Coach Certification. The
36 Professional Standards Commission is authorized to develop rules and regulations
37 governing such certification."

38 **SECTION 2.**

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