

House Bill 519

By: Representatives McLeod of the 105th, Holly of the 111th, Moore of the 95th, Clark of the 108th, and McClain of the 100th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-161 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 Quality Basic Education Formula, so as to require the State Board of Education to retain an
3 independent third party to evaluate the Quality Basic Education Formula and its program
4 components and make recommendations to the State Board of Education and the General
5 Assembly as to any necessary changes; to provide for such review process every five years;
6 to provide for contingency on appropriations for such purposes; 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 Code Section 20-2-161 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Quality
11 Basic Education Formula, is amended by revising subsection (f) as follows:

12 ~~“(f) As the relative costs of the various program components will change over time and
13 as some components will need to be added or removed, the Governor shall appoint a task
14 force every three years for the purposes of reviewing the effectiveness of existing
15 program weights and recommending to the General Assembly any changes needed. This
16 task force shall be comprised of members or staff of the General Assembly, the State
17 Board of Education, the Governor's office, and representatives of local school systems.~~

18 (1) No later than December 31, 2019, the State Board of Education shall retain an
19 independent third party to undertake a review of the Quality Basic Education Formula
20 and the various program components of the formula to determine the effectiveness of
21 existing program weights and various program components. No later than December 31,
22 2021, such independent third party shall make recommendations to the State Board of
23 Education and to the General Assembly regarding administrative and legislative changes
24 to the formula and its components. Such review process, including retention of an
25 independent third party and recommendations to the State Board of Education and the
26 General Assembly, shall be conducted every five years.

27 (2) This subsection shall be contingent on appropriations by the General Assembly for
28 such purposes."

29 **SECTION 2.**

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.