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Editor's notes. — By resolution (Ga. L. 1986, p. 529), the General Assembly designated the English language as the official language of the State of Georgia.

ARTICLE 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Editor's notes. — The existing provisions of Chapter 1 were designated as Article 1 by Ga. L. 1990, p. 2037, § 1.

Administrative rules and regulations. — Rules of general applicability, Official Compilation of Rules and Regulations of State of Georgia, Department of Education, Chapter 160-1-3.

20-1-1. Acceptance and adoption of annuity contracts of teachers hired from other Georgia school systems.

The several county and independent school system boards of education and school superintendents are authorized and directed to accept and adopt previously obtained annuity contracts of school teachers hired from other Georgia school systems and to withhold salary deductions in accordance with such contracts, if such boards of education or school superintendents had notice or knowledge of the annuity contracts before hiring any of such teachers. (Ga. L. 1970, p. 458, § 1; Ga. L. 1987, p. 3, § 20; Ga. L. 2001, p. 4, § 20.)

The 2001 amendment, effective February 12, 2001, part of an Act to revise, modernize, and correct the Code, substituted "school teachers" for "schoolteachers" preceding "hired from other Georgia school systems".

RESEARCH REFERENCES

Am. Jur. 2d. — 60A Am. Jur. 2d, Pensions and Retirement Funds, § 1614.

C.J.S. — 78 C.J.S., Schools and School Districts, § 346.

20-1-2. Power of the governing boards of public school systems to establish supplemental pension and retirement allowances.

The governing boards of public school systems of this state are authorized to establish pension and retirement allowances out of local funds to supplement the allowances provided

for teachers under the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia. (Ga. L. 1949, p. 1183, § 1.)

Cross references. — Health insurance plans for retired former employees of public school systems, Ga. Const. 1983, Art. III, Sec. VI, Para. VI. Application of other state-funded pension or retirement benefits to members and beneficiaries of Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, § 47-3-140.

RESEARCH REFERENCES

C.J.S. — 78 C.J.S., Schools and School Districts, § 346.

ALR. — Construction and application of Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 USCA § 1001 et seq.) by United States Supreme Court, 150 ALR Fed. 441.

20-1-3. Eligibility of teachers receiving retirement benefits from the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia to be members of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia.

Teachers in the University System of Georgia who upon retirement receive retirement pay or allowances from or through the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia shall not be disqualified thereby from becoming members of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia. As used in this Code section, "teacher" means the same as it is defined in Code Section 47-3-1. (Ga. L. 1945, p. 454, § 1.)

RESEARCH REFERENCES

Am. Jur. 2d. — 60A Am. Jur. 2d, Pensions and Retirement Funds, §§ 1614, 1620.

C.J.S. — 78 C.J.S., Schools and School Districts, § 338 et seq.

20-1-4. Power of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia to establish supplemental pension and retirement allowances.

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia is authorized to establish pension and retirement allowances to supplement the allowances provided for teachers under the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia. (Code 1933, § 32-152, enacted by Ga. L. 1949, p. 1196, § 1.)

Cross references. — Application of other state-funded pension or retirement benefits to members and beneficiaries of Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, § 47-3-140.

OPINIONS OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Supplemental retirement plan at Medical College of Georgia. — It is within the authority of the board of regents to establish a supplemental retirement plan at the Medical College of Georgia. 1999 Op. Att'y Gen. No. U99-10.

RESEARCH REFERENCES

C.J.S. — 78 C.J.S., Schools and School Districts, § 346.

20-1-5. Liability of surrogate parents.

Any individual appointed to act as a surrogate parent for a child pursuant to federal law (P.L. 94-142) and federal regulations (34 C.F.R. 8300.514), as such law and regulations existed on January 1, 1985, shall not be liable for any civil damages for any action or actions done while performing duty as a surrogate parent, except for acts or omissions to act constituting gross, willful or wanton negligence. (Code 1981, § 20-1-5, enacted by Ga. L. 1985, p. 447, § 1.)

U.S. Code. — Public Law 94-142, the federal Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975, amended or enacted provisions throughout the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq.

20-1-6. Retired Teachers' Day.

(a) The Sunday commencing the third week of November of each year is designated as Retired Teachers' Day.

(b) The Governor may issue annually a proclamation designating the Sunday commencing the third week of November of each year as Retired Teachers' Day and calling upon public schools and citizens of the state to observe the occasion and to take the opportunity to honor the retired teachers of the state. (Code 1981, § 20-1-6, enacted by Ga. L. 1986, p. 619, § 1.)

Cross references. — Holidays and observances generally, Ch. 4, T. 1.

20-1-6.1. Official state school.

Plains High School is designated as the official Georgia state school. (Code 1981, § 20-1-6.1, enacted by Ga. L. 1997, p. 1060, § 1.)

20-1-7. Fraudulent activities with respect to documents conferred by institution of education; penalties.

(a) No person may buy, sell, create, duplicate, alter, give, or obtain or attempt to buy,

sell, create, duplicate, alter, give, or obtain a diploma, certificate, academic record, certificate of enrollment, or other instrument which purports to signify merit or achievement conferred by an institution of education in this state with the intent to use fraudulently such document or to allow the fraudulent use of such document.

(b) Any person who violates subsection (a) of this Code section or who aids another in violating subsection (a) of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 or by imprisonment for a period not to exceed one year, or both. (Code 1981, § 20-1-7, enacted by Ga. L. 1991, p. 1143, § 1.)

Law reviews. — For note on 1991 enactment of this Code section, see 8 Ga. St. U.L. Rev. 66 (1992).

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For an update of crimes and offenses for which the Georgia Crime Information Center is authorized to collect and file identifying data, see 1991 Op. Att’y Gen. No. 91-35.

20-1-8. Placement of lottery funds into Construction Reserve Trust Fund.

Any lottery funds appropriated for purposes of new capital construction shall be placed in a Construction Reserve Trust Fund to be maintained by the appropriate fiscal officers of state government. Funds so placed in the Construction Reserve Trust Fund shall be deemed to be committed for educational purposes and programs in compliance with subsection (d) of Code Section 50-27-13. Any such funds must be designated by project by the appropriate educational agency no later than June 30 of the fiscal year for which the funds were appropriated. Any such funds must be contractually obligated no later than June 30 of the fiscal year following the fiscal year for which the funds were appropriated. Any funds not designated or contractually obligated within such time periods shall lapse; and additionally any funds not expended as originally designated and obligated within 24 months after the close of the fiscal year for which such funds were originally appropriated shall lapse. Any funds so lapsing shall lapse to the general fund of the state treasury and shall be credited to the Lottery for Education Account. (Code 1981, § 20-1-8, enacted by Ga. L. 1995, p. 701, § 1; Ga. L. 1996, p. 6, § 20.)

Editor’s notes. — This Code section applies with respect to appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995, as well as all future fiscal years.

20-1-9. “Local school system,” “local boards of education,” and “county boards of education” defined.

Except as may otherwise be specifically provided, as used in this title, the term “local school system” shall refer to both any county school system and any independent school system which may be in existence in a county. The terms “local boards of education” and “county boards of education” shall refer to both any county board of education and the board of education of any independent school system which may be in existence in a county. (Code 1981, § 20-1-9, enacted by Ga. L. 1996, p. 378, § 1.)

Code Commission notes. — Pursuant to Code Section 28-9-5, in 1996, this Code section, originally enacted as Code Section 20-1-8, was redesignated as Code Section 20-1-9.

ARTICLE 2

DRUG-FREE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION ACT

Law reviews. — For note on 1990 enactment of this article, see 7 Ga. St. U.L. Rev. 379 (1990).

OPINIONS OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

First offender treatment as “conviction” within this article. — First offender treatment upon a verdict or plea of guilty is a “conviction” within the meaning of the Drug Free Campus Act (§ 20-1-20 et seq.), applicable to students in institutions of higher learning. 1992 Op. Att’y Gen. No. 92-10.

20-1-20. Short title.

This article shall be known and may be cited as the “Drug-free Postsecondary Education Act of 1990.” (Code 1981, § 20-1-20, enacted by Ga. L. 1990, p. 2037, § 1.)

20-1-21. Legislative findings and intent.

The General Assembly finds that the manufacture, distribution, sale, possession, or use of marijuana, controlled substances, or dangerous drugs in an unlawful manner is a serious threat to the public health, safety, and welfare and to the academic achievement of students enrolled in the public and nonpublic colleges, universities, and postsecondary technical institutes of this state. It is declared to be a primary

purpose and goal of this state, of all of its agencies and instrumentalities, and of all of its public officials and employees to take all reasonable steps possible to eradicate the unlawful manufacture, distribution, sale, possession, and use of marijuana, controlled substances, and dangerous drugs. With this purpose in mind, the General Assembly declares that the public and nonpublic colleges, universities, and postsecondary technical institutes in this state must be absolutely free of any person who would knowingly manufacture, distribute, sell, possess, or use marijuana, a controlled substance, or a dangerous drug in an unlawful manner. For this reason, the General Assembly enacts this article. (Code 1981, § 20-1-21, enacted by Ga. L. 1990, p. 2037, § 1.)

20-1-22. Definitions.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) "Authority" means the Georgia Student Finance Authority created pursuant to Code Section 20-3-313.

(2) "Controlled substance" means any drug, substance, or immediate precursor included in the definition of the term "controlled substance" in paragraph (4) of Code Section 16-13-21.

(3) "Convicted" or "conviction" refers to a plea of guilty, a finding of guilty by a court of competent jurisdiction, or the acceptance of a plea of nolo contendere or affording of first offender treatment by a court of competent jurisdiction, irrespective of the pendency or availability of any appeal or application for collateral relief.

(4) "Dangerous drug" means any drug or substance defined as such under Code Section 16-13-71.

(5) "Date of conviction" means the date that the trial court determines guilt and enters judgment thereon or the date on which the court accepts a plea of nolo contendere or formally allows a person to receive first offender treatment.

(6) "Marijuana" shall have the same meaning as such term is defined in paragraph (16) of Code Section 16-13-21.

(7) "Nonpublic educational institution" means any postsecondary educational institution not established, operated, or governed by the State of Georgia.

(8) "Public educational institution" means:

(A) Any two-year college, college, university, or other institution of higher learning under the management and control of

the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia; and

(B) Any postsecondary technical school under the management and control of the State Board of Technical and Adult Education.

(9) "Student" means any person who is enrolled as a student in courses for academic credit on a full-time, part-time, temporary, or intermittent basis in any public or nonpublic educational institution. (Code 1981, § 20-1-22, enacted by Ga. L. 1990, p. 2037, § 1.)

Code Commission notes. — Pursuant to Code Section 28-9-5, in 1990, the word "on" was inserted following "academic credit" in paragraph (9).

20-1-23. Disciplinary action for student of public educational institution.

Any student of a public educational institution who is convicted, under the laws of this state, the United States, or any other state, of any felony offense involving the manufacture, distribution, sale, possession, or use of marijuana, a controlled substance, or a dangerous drug shall as of the date of conviction be suspended from the public educational institution in which such person is enrolled. Except for cases in which the institution has previously taken disciplinary action against a student for the same offense, such suspension shall be effective as of the date of conviction, even though the educational institution may not complete all administrative actions necessary to implement such suspension until a later date. Except for cases in which the institution has already imposed disciplinary sanctions for the same offense, such suspension shall continue through the end of the term, quarter, semester, or other similar period for which the student was enrolled as of the date of conviction. The student shall forfeit any right to any academic credit otherwise earned or earnable for such term, quarter, semester, or other similar period; and the educational institution shall subsequently revoke any such academic credit which is granted prior to the completion of administrative actions necessary to implement such suspension. (Code 1981, § 20-1-23, enacted by Ga. L. 1990, p. 2037, § 1.)

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Conviction of felony after end of academic period. — Although the Drug-Free Postsecondary Education Act of

1990 does not require the suspension of a student convicted of a felony involving the illegal use of drugs when the conviction occurs after the end of an academic period but prior to the commencement of the following academic period, the policy manual of the board of regents would permit such disciplinary action during the pendency of criminal charges or after final conviction. 1992 Op. Att'y Gen. No. 92-21.

20-1-24. Disciplinary action for student of nonpublic educational institution.

(a) Any student of a nonpublic educational institution who is convicted, under the laws of this state, the United States, or any other state, of any felony offense involving the manufacture, distribution, sale, possession, or use of marijuana, a controlled substance, or a dangerous drug shall as of the date of conviction be denied state funds for any loans, grants, or scholarships administered under the authority of Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of this title, the "Georgia Student Finance Authority Act," or similar loans, grants, or scholarships, including but not limited to Georgia Higher Education Loan Program loans, student incentive grants, or tuition equalization grants. The authority is authorized to define such terms and prescribe such rules, regulations, and procedures as may be reasonable and necessary to carry out the purposes of this article.

(b) Such denial of state funds shall be effective as of the first day of the term, quarter, semester, or other similar period for which the student was enrolled immediately following the date of conviction or the date on which the court accepts a plea of nolo contendere or formally allows a student to receive first offender treatment and shall continue through the end of such term, quarter, semester, or other similar period for which the student was enrolled. Any nonpublic educational institution operating within this state that receives state funds shall agree to comply with this article in order to be eligible for its students to receive state funds through scholarships, grants, or loan programs. (Code 1981, § 20-1-24, enacted by Ga. L. 1990, p. 2037, § 1; Ga. L. 1991, p. 94, § 20.)

20-1-25. Additional sanctions permissible.

The suspension sanctions and sanctions involving denial of state funds as prescribed in this article are intended as minimum sanctions, and nothing in this article shall be construed to prohibit any educational institution

from establishing and implementing additional or more stringent sanctions for felony offenses and other conduct involving the unlawful manufacture, distribution, sale, possession, or use of marijuana, a controlled substance, or a dangerous drug. (Code 1981, § 20-1-25, enacted by Ga. L. 1990, p. 2037, § 1.)

OPINIONS OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Conviction of felony after end of academic period.

— Although the Drug-Free Postsecondary Education Act of 1990 does not require the suspension of a student convicted of a felony involving the illegal use of drugs when the conviction occurs after the end of an academic period but prior to the commencement of the following academic period, the policy manual of the board of regents would permit such disciplinary action during the pendency of criminal charges or after final conviction. 1992 Op. Att'y Gen. No. 92-21.

20-1-26. Promulgation of administrative procedures for implementation of article.

Administrative procedures for the implementation of this article shall be promulgated for the educational institutions under their respective management and control by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and the State Board of Technical and Adult Education or the individual nonpublic educational institutions. Such procedures shall provide for relief from sanctions previously imposed under this article against a person whose conviction is subsequently overturned on appeal or through collateral relief. (Code 1981, § 20-1-26, enacted by Ga. L. 1990, p. 2037, § 1.)

20-1-27. Applicability of article.

This article shall apply only with respect to felony offenses committed on or after July 1, 1990; provided, however, that nothing in this Code section shall prevent any educational institution from implementing sanctions additional to or other than those provided for in this article with respect to offenses committed prior to July 1, 1990. (Code 1981, § 20-1-27, enacted by Ga. L. 1990, p. 2037, § 1.)

CHAPTER 1A

**OFFICE OF SCHOOL
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Editor's notes. — Ga. L. 1996, p. 167, § 1, not codified by the General Assembly, provides: "This Act shall be known and may be cited as the 'Education Reform Act of 1996.'"

20-1A-1. Creation.

The Office of School Readiness is created as a department of the executive branch of state government, and said office shall have the duties, responsibilities, functions, powers, and authority set forth in this chapter and otherwise provided by law. The Office of School Readiness shall be assigned for administrative purposes only, as that term is defined in Code Section 50-4-3, to the Department of Education. (Code 1981, § 20-1A-1, enacted by Ga. L. 1996, p. 167, § 2.)

Law reviews. — For review of 1996 education legislation, see 13 Ga. St. U. L. Rev. 160.

20-1A-2. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) "Director" means the director of the Office of School Readiness.

(2) "Office" means the Office of School Readiness. (Code 1981, § 20-1A-2, enacted by Ga. L. 1996, p. 167, § 2.)

Code Commission notes. — Pursuant to Code Section 28-9-5, in 1996, "director" was substituted for "Director" at the second occurrence of the word in paragraph (1).

20-1A-3. Director; duties and powers; salary; personnel; rules and regulations.

(a) The chief administrative and executive officer of the office shall be the director, who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure

of the Governor. The director shall be responsible for the performance and exercise of the duties, responsibilities, functions, powers, and authority imposed upon the director and the office by law. The director shall be in the unclassified service of the state merit system and shall receive a salary to be determined by the Governor.

(b) The director shall have the authority to employ all personnel of the office, subject to the provisions of this chapter and all applicable provisions of other laws governing public employment.

(c) The director shall promulgate rules and regulations and establish procedures to carry out the provisions of this chapter. (Code 1981, § 20-1A-3, enacted by Ga. L. 1996, p. 167, § 2.)

20-1A-4. Powers and duties.

The Office of School Readiness shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) To administer such programs and services as may be necessary for the operation and management of voluntary pre-kindergarten, which shall be known as "Georgia's Pre-K Program";

(2) To administer such programs and services as may be necessary for the operation and management of preschool and child development programs, such as Even Start and child care regulation and food programs;

(3) To act as the agent of the federal government in conformity with this chapter and the administration of any federal funds granted to the state to aid in the furtherance of any functions of the office; and

(4) To assist local units of administration in this state so as to assure the proliferation of services under this chapter. (Code 1981, § 20-1A-4, enacted by Ga. L. 1996, p. 167, § 2; Ga. L. 2002, p. 1083, § 1.)

The 2002 amendment, effective May 14, 2002, added ", which shall be known as 'Georgia's Pre-K Program'" at the end of paragraph (1).

20-1A-5. Transfer of operation and management of pre-kindergarten, Even Start, child care food programs and child care regulation services to office; transfer of personnel and assets; retirement; funding of transferred programs.

(a) Effective April 15, 1996, the Office of School Readiness shall carry out all of the

functions and exercise all of the powers formerly held by the Department of Education for the operation and management of the pre-kindergarten, Even Start, and child care food programs. Subject to subsection (c) of this Code section, all persons employed by and positions authorized for the Department of Education to perform these functions on April 14, 1996, shall, on April 15, 1996, be transferred to the Office of School Readiness. All office equipment, furniture, and other assets in possession of the Department of Education which are used or held exclusively or principally by personnel transferred under this subsection shall be transferred to the Office of School Readiness on April 15, 1996.

(b) Effective April 15, 1996, the Office of School Readiness shall carry out all of the functions and exercise all of the powers formerly held by the Department of Human Resources for the operation and management of child care regulation services. Subject to subsection (c) of this Code section, all persons employed by and positions authorized for the Department of Human Resources to perform functions relating to the licensure and certification of pre-kindergarten programs on April 14, 1996, shall, on April 15, 1996, be transferred to the Office of School Readiness. All office equipment, furniture, and other assets in possession of the Department of Human Resources which are used or held exclusively or principally by personnel transferred under this subsection shall be transferred to the Office of School Readiness on April 15, 1996.

(c) All transfers of employees and assets provided for in subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section shall be subject to the approval of the director, and such personnel or assets shall not be transferred if the director determines that a specific employee or asset should remain with the transferring agency.

(d) Employees of the office shall serve in the unclassified service of the state merit system as defined by Code Section 45-20-6. Persons who have transferred to the office pursuant to subsection (a) or (b) of this Code section who are in the classified service of the state merit system at the time of the transfer may elect to remain in such classified service and be governed by the provisions thereof; provided, however, that if any such person accepts a promotion or transfers to another position, that person shall become an employee in the unclassified service.

(e) All employees of the Office of School Readiness who are employed after April 15, 1996, shall become members of the Employees'

Retirement System of Georgia consistent with the provisions of Code Section 47-2-70.1.

(f) Persons who are transferred to the Office of School Readiness pursuant to subsection (a) or (b) of this Code section who are members of the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia created in Chapter 2 of Title 47 or the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia created in Chapter 3 of Title 47 can elect to continue membership in the same retirement system in which such person already is a member in accordance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations. All rights, credits, and funds in any such retirement system which are possessed by state personnel transferred by provisions of this chapter to the Office of School Readiness, or otherwise held by persons at the time of employment with the Office of School Readiness, are continued and preserved, it being the intention of the General Assembly that such persons shall not lose any rights, credits, or funds to which they may be entitled prior to becoming employees of the Office of School Readiness, unless such persons fail to elect to continue membership in the same retirement system in which such persons already are members. Once such election is made by such personnel, the election is irrevocable during the tenure of employment with the Office of School Readiness. Except as provided in this subsection, no employment benefit of any employee transferring to the Office of School Readiness shall be impaired.

(g) Funding for functions and positions transferred to the Office of School Readiness under this chapter shall be transferred as provided in Code Section 45-12-90. (Code 1981, § 20-1A-5, enacted by Ga. L. 1996, p. 167, § 2.)

Code Commission notes. — Pursuant to Code Section 28-9-5, in 1996, "subsection (a) or (b)" was substituted for "subsections (a) or (b)" in subsection (d) and "April 15, 1996" was substituted for "the effective date of this chapter" in subsection (e).

Pursuant to Code Section 28-9-5, in 2001, a comma was inserted following "April 15, 1996" in subsection (e).

20-1A-6. Applicable rules and regulations to succeed to office.

The Office of School Readiness shall succeed to all rules, regulations, policies, procedures, and administrative orders of the Department of Education or Department of Human Resources, where applicable, which are in effect on April 15, 1996, and which relate to the functions transferred to the department. Such rules, regulations, policies, and procedures shall remain in effect until amended, repealed,

superseded, or nullified by the director. (Code 1981, § 20-1A-6, enacted by Ga. L. 1996, p. 167, § 2.)

20-1A-7. Pre-kindergarten name change required in publications, posters, banners, and signs.

On and after July 1, 2002, each newly printed publication, poster, banner, or sign created for the pre-kindergarten program by the Office of School Readiness or a provider of pre-kindergarten services shall refer to the program as “Georgia’s Pre-K Program.” (Code 1981, § 20-1A-7, enacted by Ga. L. 2002, p. 1083, § 2.)

Effective date. — This Code section became effective May 14, 2002.

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