

July 15, 2024

The Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) is seeking comments on a request to waive section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) to extend the period of availability of FY 2022 (school year 2022-2023) administrative funds consolidated under Section 8201 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA), which will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Education (ED). Comments and questions should be submitted to the GaDOE at federalprograms@doe.k12.ga.us no later than July 29, 2024.

- This waiver will allow GaDOE to continue to use 2022-2023 funds reserved for administration under ESEA section 8201 through March 31, 2026, to address ongoing administrative costs and avoid having to use other funds that support critical services for LEAs, schools, students, and teachers and other educational staff.
- Administrative funds used by GaDOE from the following grants are included in this waiver: Title I, Part A of the ESEA (Improving Basic Programs Operated by LEAs), Title I, Part C of the ESEA (Education of Migratory Children), Title I, Part D, Subpart 1 of the ESEA (Prevention and Intervention Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Neglected, Delinquent, or At Risk), Title II, Part A of the ESEA (Supporting Effective Instruction), Title III, Part A of the ESEA (English Language Acquisition, Language Enhancement, and Academic Achievement), Title IV, Part A of the ESEA (Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants), Title IV, Part B of the ESEA (21st Century Community Learning Centers), Title V, Part B, Subpart 2 of the ESEA (Rural and Low-Income School Program), American Rescue Plan Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY), American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief (ARP-ESSER), and American Rescue Plan Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools (ARP-EANS).

Prior to submitting this ESSA waiver request, the GaDOE is providing public notice to all interested parties across Georgia. The GaDOE is providing such notification by posting a public notice on its website of the intent to request this waiver. In addition, the GaDOE has emailed information pertaining to the waiver to all Local Educational Agency (LEA) superintendents. Copies of all comments the State may receive from stakeholders in response to this notice will be attached to the waiver request sent to ED.

