

NCSL Opportunities for Working Families Meeting State Action Plans

**Georgia**

*Years of Participation: 2004, 2007, 2009, 2010*

**2007 ACTION PLAN**

**Team Members**

Sen. Ben Bridges  
Sen. Bill Heath  
Sen. Ed Tarver

**Priority Issue(s): 1) Lowering the high school dropout rates 2) Focusing on vocational skills as early as middle school, including life and financial skills**

**Action Items**

- In the coming year, propose the idea of adding vocational/life/financial skills education to the school curriculum, with two types of diplomas, one with a vocational emphasis

**Next Steps**

1. Find out whether such a proposal can fit into existing QB education
2. Identify existing educational resources
3. Share vision with education (and other) legislators
4. Meet with state school superintendent

**Responsibilities**

- Senator Tarver will present the idea to his caucus
- Senator Heath and Representative Bridges will talk with other legislators
- All three members will meet with the state school superintendent

**Information and Services**

- Statistical information to back up need for skills education and training
- Income information about community college degrees

**State Contact**

- Senator Ed Tarver

**NCSL Services**

- Provide financial education materials