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**GOV. DEAL SIGNS SENATE BILL 330 INTO LAW AT THE**

**90th GEORGIA FFA STATE CONVENTION**

MACON, Ga. – Governor Nathan Deal attended the 90th Georgia FFA State Convention to sign Senate Bill 330 into law. The bill, which was accepted unanimously in both the senate and the house, brings new horizons to agriculture education and Georgia FFA.

One goal of the bill is to allow for the piloting of agriculture education programs in elementary school classrooms beginning in the 2019-2020 school year. This bill provides for the selection of pilot sites, program requirements and curriculum, program evaluation and allows the Professional Standards Commission to extend in-field certification for agriculture education to include kindergarten through 5th grade.

Additionally, this bill ensures that agriculture education in the state of Georgia shall be based on the nationally recognized three-component model; daily instruction in a classroom or lab, hands-on learning through a supervised agricultural experience and leadership and learning opportunities through Georgia FFA and the National FFA Organization. The Department of Education shall develop curriculum and standards for agriculture education based on this model as well as coordinate regional and statewide activities for Georgia and National FFA.

FFA members, advisors and guests were able to witness history as Governor Deal signed the bill in front of over 5,000 attendees. Georgia FFA President Tucker Felkins told Governor Deal that because of this bill, “the integrity of [Georgia FFA] will not only be maintained but furthered.”

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