

House Bill 1105

By: Representatives Snow of the 2nd, Day of the 153rd, Hudson of the 120th, Lane of the 146th
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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 8 of Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to access to records and hearings involving children, so as to authorize
3 the photographing of every child who has absconded and subsequently returned to the
4 custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 8 of Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
9 relating to access to records and hearings involving children, is amended by striking
10 subsection (a) of Code Section 15-11-83, relating to the photographing of every child who
11 has absconded and subsequently returned to the custody of the Department of Juvenile
12 Justice, and inserting in its place the following:

13 "(a)(1) Every child charged with an act which would be a felony if committed by an
14 adult, other than those status offender crimes as defined in Code Section 15-11-2, shall
15 be fingerprinted and photographed upon being taken into custody. Fingerprints and
16 photographs of children shall be taken and filed separately from those of adults by law
17 enforcement officials to be used in investigating the commission of crimes and to be
18 made available as provided in this article and as may be directed by the court.

19 (2) Law enforcement agencies may photograph a child who for any reason has been
20 placed in the custody and control of the Department of Juvenile Justice and who has
21 absconded and subsequently returned to such custody. Photographs shall be maintained
22 in accordance with paragraph (1) of this subsection."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.