

## House Bill 1196

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 school councils, so as to delete a provision for devolving additional authority on school  
3 councils in certain circumstances; to change the frequency of meeting for councils; to delete  
4 a provision requiring local boards of education to designate an employee to attend council  
5 meetings as requested; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 20-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to school councils,  
9 is amended by striking subsections (a), (f), and (p) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:  
10 "(a) By October 1, 2001, each local board of education that elects to participate in the  
11 Quality Basic Education Program provided for in Article 6 of this chapter shall have a  
12 school council operational at a minimum of one high school, one middle school, and one  
13 elementary school, except that if a school system does not have its schools organized in this  
14 manner the system shall designate schools for a school council as closely to the intent of  
15 this Code section as possible. By October 1, 2002, each local board of education shall have  
16 a school council operational in a minimum of 50 percent of the schools under its  
17 jurisdiction. Such school council shall operate pursuant to this Code section, and the local  
18 board of education shall assist all councils in their creation and operation. ~~After two years  
19 of successful operation, and upon receiving a high performance designation by the Office  
20 of Education Accountability, the local board of education shall devolve to the school  
21 council such additional authority in matters of school operation as the local board deems  
22 appropriate.~~ By October 1, 2003, each local board of education shall have a school council  
23 operational in each of the schools under its jurisdiction."  
24 "(f) All meetings of the council shall be held at the school site. The council shall meet ~~once  
25 a month~~ four times annually, at the call of the chairperson, or at the request of a majority  
26 of the members of the council. Notice by mail shall be sent to school councilmembers at

1 least seven days prior to a meeting of the council. School councils shall be subject to  
2 Chapter 14 of Title 50, relating to open and public meetings, in the same manner as local  
3 boards of education. Each member is authorized to exercise one vote. A quorum must be  
4 present in order to conduct official council business. Members of the council shall not  
5 receive remuneration to serve on the council or its committees."

6 "(p) The local board of education shall provide all information not specifically made  
7 confidential by law, including budget information, to the council as requested. ~~The local  
8 board shall also designate an employee of the school system to attend council meetings as  
9 requested by a school council for the purpose of responding to questions the council may  
10 have concerning information provided to it by the local board or actions taken by the local  
11 board."~~

12 **SECTION 2.**

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