

The House Committee on Special Judiciary offers the following substitute to HB 1062:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to cruelty to children, so as to add a nonmerger provision for the offense of cruelty to children in the second degree; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to cruelty to children, is amended in Code Section 16-5-70, relating to cruelty to children, by inserting a new subsection (f) to read as follows:

"(f) The offense of cruelty to children in the second degree shall not be merged with a forcible felony, battery, or family violence battery, nor shall such offense be merged into another violation of cruelty to children in the second degree, and each violation shall be considered a separate offense."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.