

House Bill 1062 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Barnes of the 97th, Dodson of the 94th, Seay of the 93rd, Wix of the 33rd
and Buckner of the 95th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

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

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 cruelty to children, is amended in Code Section 16-5-70, relating to cruelty to children, by
9 inserting a new subsection (f) to read as follows:
10 "(f) The offense of cruelty to children in the second degree shall not be merged with a
11 forcible felony, battery, or family violence battery, nor shall such offense be merged into
12 another violation of cruelty to children in the second degree, and each violation shall be
13 considered a separate offense."

14 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

15 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.