

The Senate Education Committee offered the following substitute to SB 426:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for adoption of policies and procedures
3 by local boards of education to provide information regarding school sponsored clubs and
4 extracurricular activities to parents and guardians and to provide an opportunity to withhold
5 permission to participate; to provide that school systems shall comply with written
6 notification from parents and guardians withholding permission for participation; to repeal
7 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and
11 secondary education, is amended in Article 16, relating to students, by inserting a new part
12 to be designated Part 5 to read as follows:

13 "Part 5

14 20-2-785.

15 Each local board of education shall adopt policies and procedures for notifying parents or
16 guardians of students regarding school-sponsored clubs and extracurricular activities, and
17 providing an opportunity for parents or guardians to withhold permission for a child to join
18 designated clubs or participate in designated activities. An annual notification utilizing the
19 student handbook or other appropriate method regarding school-sponsored clubs shall
20 include without limitation the name of the club, mission or purpose of the club, name of
21 the club's faculty advisor, and a description of past or planned activities. A similar
22 notification regarding extracurricular activities shall include without limitation the mission
23 or purpose of the extracurricular activity, name of the faculty advisor, and a description of
24 planned programs or actions. Each school system shall comply with the written

1 notification from a parent or guardian who has withheld permission for a child to join a
2 club or participate in an activity, and shall not allow a child to join a club or participate in
3 an activity in contravention of written notification from the child's parent or guardian
4 forbidding such club or activity."

5 **SECTION 2.**

6 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.