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The House Committee on Public Safety offers the following substitute to HB 1054:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

To amend Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penal institutions, so as to require the Department of Education to provide all elementary and secondary schools with a list of registered sexual offenders and information on how to obtain a list of registered sexual offenders from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's Internet website; to require the Office of School Readiness and the Department of Human Resources to provide child care and day-care programs with information on how to obtain a list of registered sexual offenders from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's Internet website; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penal institutions, is amended in Code Section 42-1-12, relating to the State Sexual Offender Registry, by adding a new subsection (c.1) to read as follows:

"(c.1)(1) On an annual basis, the Department of Education shall obtain from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation a complete list of the names and addresses of all registered sexual offenders and shall send such list, accompanied by a hold harmless provision, to each public elementary and secondary school in this state. The Department of Education shall make such list available to any private school upon request. In addition, the Department of Education shall provide information to each public elementary and secondary school in this state on how to access and retrieve from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's Internet website a list of the names and addresses of all registered sexual offenders.

(2) The Office of School Readiness shall provide, on a one time basis, information to all child care programs regulated pursuant to Code Section 20-1A-5 on how to access and retrieve from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's Internet website a list of the names and addresses of all registered sexual offenders and shall include, on a continuing basis, such information with each application for licensure.

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(3) The Department of Human Resources shall provide, on a one time basis, information to all day care and group day care programs regulated pursuant to Code Section 49-5-12 on how to access and retrieve from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's Internet website a list of the names and addresses of all registered sexual offenders and shall include, on a continuing basis, such information with each application for licensure."

6 SECTION 2.

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