

Senate Bill 172

By: Senator Harp of the 16th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 16-12-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 contributing to the delinquency, unruliness, or deprivation of a minor, so as to change
3 provisions for committing said offense and defenses to said offense; to provide for related
4 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 16-12-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to contributing to
8 the delinquency, unruliness, or deprivation of a minor, is amended by striking paragraph (1)
9 of subsection (b) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new paragraph (1) to read as
10 follows:

11 "(1) Knowingly and willfully encourages, causes, abets, connives, or aids a minor in
12 committing a delinquent act or soliciting a minor to commit a delinquent act as such is
13 defined in Code Section 15-11-2, relating to juvenile proceedings;"

14 **SECTION 2.**

15 Said Code section is further amended by striking subsection (c) in its entirety and inserting
16 in lieu thereof a new subsection (c) to read as follows:

17 "(c) It shall not be a defense to the offense provided for in this Code section that the minor
18 has not been formally adjudged to have committed a delinquent act or has not committed
19 the act which was solicited or has not been found to be unruly or deprived."

20 **SECTION 3.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.