

The House Committee on Governmental Affairs offers the following substitute to HB 372:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 20-2-310 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student directory information, so as to require secondary public schools to notify students who are eligible of their right to register to vote and to offer such students the opportunity to register to vote at the school during the month of April of each year; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Code Section 20-2-310 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student directory information, is amended by striking said Code section in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"20-2-310.

(a) Any public school at the secondary level which provides access to the campus or to student directory information to persons or groups which make students aware of occupational or educational options shall provide access to the campus and student directory information on at least the same basis to official recruiting representatives of the military forces of the state and the United States for the purpose of informing students of educational and career opportunities available in the military.

(b) Each eligible student in the public schools of this state, ~~upon attaining the age of 18 years,~~ shall be apprised of his or her right to register as an elector and to vote in elections and of any obligation to register with the Selective Service System. Each eligible student shall be given an opportunity, arranged by the school administration, to register to vote at his or her school during the month of April of each year. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this Code section. An excused absence of a student to register or vote, at the discretion of the local unit of administration, shall not exceed one school day.

1 (c)(1) Each student in the public schools of this state shall be afforded the opportunity  
2 to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America during each  
3 school day. It shall be the duty of each local board of education to establish a policy  
4 setting the time and manner for recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Such policy shall  
5 be established in writing and shall be distributed to each teacher within the school.

6 (2) The State School Superintendent shall prepare for the use of the public schools of this  
7 state a program of instruction, subject to the approval of the State Board of Education,  
8 in the correct use and display of the flag of the United States of America which shall  
9 include, as a minimum, specific instruction regarding respect for such flag and its display  
10 and use as provided by federal law and regulation, and under such regulations and  
11 instructions as may best meet the varied requirements of the different grades in such  
12 schools. However, such instruction shall include, as a minimum, the provisions of 36  
13 U.S.C. Sections 170 through 177."

14 **SECTION 2.**

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