

Senate Bill 283

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To enact the "School Child Protection Act"; to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official  
2 Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide  
3 for a pilot program for transferring students enrolled in dangerous schools to other schools  
4 within the school district in which they reside; to provide for the adoption by local boards of  
5 education of policies regarding unruly behavior of students on school buses; to provide for  
6 a monetary reward to certain students reporting the presence of an explosive device or a  
7 weapon on real property used for public elementary or secondary education; to provide for  
8 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

11 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "School Child Protection Act."

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

13 Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and  
14 secondary education, is amended in Part 13 of Article 6, relating to the organization of  
15 schools and systems under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by adding a new Code section  
16 to be designated Code Section 20-2-295 to read as follows:

17 "20-2-295.

18 The state board shall design and implement a pilot program in two school systems allowing  
19 a parent or guardian to transfer a student enrolled in a dangerous school to another public  
20 school in the same local school system to be chosen by the parent or guardian, with  
21 transportation costs to be borne by the local school system. The state board shall define  
22 by rule the characteristics of a dangerous school, using statistics compiled by the state  
23 board or the Office of Education Accountability."

**SECTION 3.**

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2 Said chapter is further amended in Subpart 1A of Part 2 of Article 16, relating to an improved  
3 student learning environment and discipline, by adding two new Code sections to be  
4 designated 20-2-735.1 and 20-2-735.2 to read as follows:

5 "20-2-735.1.

6 Each local board of education shall adopt policies that prohibit unruly behavior on school  
7 buses and shall require such prohibition to be included in student codes of conduct. Local  
8 board policies shall require that, upon finding that a student has engaged in unruly behavior  
9 on a school bus for the second time in a school year, such student shall be suspended from  
10 riding the bus for the remainder of that school year.

11 20-2-735.2.

12 Each local school system shall provide for a \$500.00 reward to the first student who reports  
13 the presence of an explosive device or a weapon, as defined in Code Section 16-11-127.1,  
14 on real property used for public elementary or secondary education."

**SECTION 4.**

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