

The House Committee on Education offers the following substitute to HB 651:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Code Section 20-2-600 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to leases of public school property, so as to change the authorized maximum length of time for which public school property may be leased; to provide for fair market value rates for such leases; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 20-2-600 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to leases of public school property, is amended by striking the Code section in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Code Section 20-2-600 to read as follows:

"20-2-600.

The various counties, cities, municipalities, county boards of education, city boards of education, and governing bodies of independent school districts or systems of this state shall have authority to lease any schoolhouse or other school property that it has determined is no longer needed for school purposes to any person, group of persons, or corporation, provided that the lease shall be for a fair market value rate for a period not longer than ~~15~~ 50 years."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.