

House Bill 651 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Holmes of the 53rd, Jamieson of the 22nd and Ashe of the 46th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

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

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

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

10 "20-2-600.

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

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

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.