

House Bill 168

By: Representatives Barnes of the 84th, Post 2, Buckner of the 82nd, Hill of the 81st, Dodson of the 84th, Post 1 and Orrock of the 51st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 16-5-70 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 cruelty to children, so as to add a nonmerger provision for the offense of cruelty to children
3 in the second degree; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
4 purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Code Section 16-5-70 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to cruelty to
8 children, is amended by inserting a new subsection (f) to read as follows:

9 "(f) The offense of cruelty to children in the second degree shall not be merged with a
10 forcible felony, battery, or family violence battery, nor shall such offense be merged into
11 another violation of cruelty to children in the second degree, and each violation shall be
12 considered a separate offense."

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

14 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.