

House Bill 336

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 11 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to public school property and facilities, so as to create the "School Restroom
3 Standards Act"; to provide that each local board of education shall maintain toilet facilities
4 in public school buildings which meet certain prescribed standards for sanitation; to provide
5 that each local board of education shall provide toilet facilities in accordance with certain
6 design requirements in public school buildings which are constructed or renovated after July
7 1, 2004; to provide for public school restrooms to meet any applicable requirements of
8 county boards of health; 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 Article 11 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
12 public school property and facilities, is amended by inserting at the end thereof a new Part
13 4 to read as follows:

14 style="text-align:center">"Part 4

15 20-2-585.

16 This part shall be known and may be cited as the 'School Restroom Standards Act.'

17 20-2-586.

18 (a) Each local board of education shall provide ongoing maintenance of toilet facilities for
19 students, faculty, and staff in all public school buildings in accordance with the following
20 standards:

21 (1) Toilet facilities, including rooms and fixtures, shall be kept in a clean condition, in
22 good repair, and free from objectionable odors;

23 (2) A supply of toilet tissue shall be provided at all times at each toilet;

1 (3) Easily cleanable receptacles shall be provided for waste paper and other refuse and
2 such receptacles in toilet rooms for females shall be covered;

3 (4) Each lavatory on the premises having running water under pressure shall be supplied
4 with hot and cold water; and where the school premises do not have running water under
5 pressure, the pupil shall be supplied with water for handwashing purposes from a
6 container in an approved sanitary manner;

7 (5) Each lavatory shall be supplied with hand-cleaning soap or detergent with a sanitary
8 storage receptacle;

9 (6) Individual single-service towels dispensed from an approved dispenser or warm air
10 blowers shall be conveniently located in each lavatory area;

11 (7) Conveniently located, easily cleanable waste receptacles shall be provided near the
12 lavatories, if disposable towels are used; and

13 (8) Lavatories, soap dispensers, hand-drying devices, waste receptacles, and all related
14 equipment shall be kept clean and in good repair.

15 (b) Each local board of education shall provide that public school buildings which are
16 constructed or renovated after July 1, 2004, meet the following design standards:

17 (1) Toilets and urinals shall be designed to be easily cleanable;

18 (2) Toilet rooms shall be completely enclosed and shall have tight-fitting, self-closing
19 doors with solid surfaces; and

20 (3) The number of lavatories shall be at least the number required by the applicable
21 plumbing code, as amended, and shall be maintained in or adjacent to the toilet rooms.

22 20-2-587.

23 In addition to compliance with the standards contained in Code Section 20-2-586, local
24 boards of education shall ensure that public school restrooms meet any applicable
25 requirements of county boards of health. This shall include any annual inspections
26 conducted by county boards of health or other applicable health agency. Any inspection
27 reports shall be forwarded by the inspecting agency to each inspected public school and
28 shall be available for public inspection."

29 SECTION 2.

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