

House Bill 434

By: Representative Buckner of the 82<sup>nd</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 15 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to miscellaneous provisions under the "Quality Basic Education Act,"  
3 so as to provide that each local board of education shall adopt policies under which a student  
4 shall not be counted as tardy or absent from school when the student is in transit to the school  
5 under certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
6 other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Part 15 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
10 relating to miscellaneous provisions under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended  
11 by adding at its end a new Code Section 20-2-322.1 to read as follows:

12 "20-2-322.1.

13 Each local board of education shall adopt policies under which a student shall not be  
14 considered as tardy or absent from school if:

15 (1) At the time fixed for the beginning of the school day the student is aboard a school  
16 bus which has not yet unloaded its students or did not unload its students in time for them  
17 to report to school on time; and the student proceeds with reasonable promptness from  
18 the school bus to the classroom or other place at which the student is to report for school  
19 as soon as it is reasonably possible to do so; or

20 (2) At the time fixed for the beginning of the school day the student is in a private  
21 passenger motor vehicle whose licensed driver is waiting to unload the student at the  
22 school but cannot do so because of traffic conditions at or adjacent to the unloading area;  
23 and the student proceeds with reasonable promptness from the unloading area to the  
24 classroom or other place at which the student is to report for school as soon as it is  
25 reasonably possible to do so."

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**SECTION 2.**

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.