

The Senate Judiciary Committee offered the following substitute to SB 400:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 general provisions regarding torts, so as to provide for an exemption from civil liability with
3 respect to broadcasters who are engaged in Levi's Call: Georgia's Amber Alert Program; to
4 provide for definitions; to provide for conditions and limitations; to provide an effective date;
5 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

7 Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
8 provisions regarding torts, is amended by adding a new Code section at the end thereof to be
9 designated Code Section 51-1-50, to read as follows:

10 "51-1-50.

11 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

12 (1) 'Broadcast' means the transmission of video or audio programming by an electronic
13 or other signal conducted by radiowaves or microwaves, by wires, lines, coaxial cables,
14 wave guides or fiber optics, by satellite transmissions directly or indirectly to viewers or
15 listeners or by any other means of communication.

16 (2) 'Broadcaster' means any corporation or other entity that is engaged in the business of
17 broadcasting video or audio programming, whether through the public airwaves, by cable,
18 by direct or indirect satellite transmission or by any other means of communication.

19 (3) 'Levi's Call: Georgia's Amber Alert Program' means the voluntary program entered
20 into by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, the Georgia Emergency Management
21 Agency, the Georgia Association of Broadcasters, and certain broadcasters licensed to
22 serve in the State of Georgia; which program provides that if the Georgia Bureau of
23 Investigation verifies that a child has been abducted and is in danger, an alert containing
24 known details of the abduction is transmitted to Georgia Emergency Management
25 Agency, which is then transmitted by Georgia Emergency Management Agency to
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