

The House Committee on Transportation offers the following substitute to HB 1068:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 acceptance and allotment of federal aid and other funds for school construction, determining  
3 needs, planning financing, building code, and safety inspections and recommendations, so  
4 as to provide that each school building shall have at least two means of access to a public  
5 street or road; to provide for exceptions; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting  
6 laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 20-2-16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the acceptance  
10 and allotment of federal aid and other funds for school construction, determining needs,  
11 planning financing, building code, and safety inspections and recommendations, is amended  
12 by striking in its entirety subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

13 "(b)(1) In order to assist the boards of education of county and independent school  
14 systems, upon their request, the state board is authorized to make comprehensive studies  
15 to determine the need for and the location of public school buildings, to determine the  
16 safety and educational requirements of public school buildings, to plan the methods of  
17 financing the cost of constructing and equipping such buildings, and to establish a code  
18 of school building practices and standards.

19 (2) Each school site in this state shall have at least two separate means of access to a  
20 public street or road. The Department of Transportation shall review and approve  
21 proposed access to any road of the state highway system before a proposed site is  
22 purchased for a school site; provided, however, that a school system may waive such  
23 requirement for property purchased prior to July 1, 2004. Any school facility upon  
24 which construction was begun prior to July 1, 2004, shall be exempt from the provisions  
25 of this paragraph."

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**SECTION 2.**

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All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.