

House Bill 1613

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 operation and membership of school councils, so as to provide school districts the option of  
3 including two student members on the council; to provide for other related matters; to repeal  
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Code Section 20-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the operation  
8 and membership of school councils, is amending by striking subsections (c), (d), and (f) and  
9 inserting in their place new subsections (c), (d), and (f) to read as follows:

10 "(c) Membership on the council shall be open to teachers, parents, and business  
11 representatives selected from all businesses that are designated school business partners.  
12 In addition, individual school districts shall have the option of allowing two student  
13 members to serve on the council as provided in subsection (d) of this Code section. Any  
14 member may withdraw from the council by delivering to the council a written resignation  
15 and submitting a copy to the secretary of the council or school principal. Should school  
16 councilmembers determine that a member of the council is no longer active in the council  
17 as defined by the bylaws of the council, the council may, by a vote of five members of the  
18 council, withdraw such person's membership status, effective as of a date determined by  
19 the council.

20 (d) The property and business of the council shall be managed by seven school  
21 councilmembers of whom a majority shall constitute a quorum. School councilmembers  
22 must be individuals who are 18 years of age or older. Members of the school council shall  
23 include:

24 (1) Two parents or guardians of students enrolled in the school, excluding employees  
25 who are parents or guardians of such students;

1 (2) Two businesspersons, one of whom shall be selected by the local board of education  
 2 and one of whom shall be selected by the other five nonbusiness members of the school  
 3 council from the business partners of the school or, if there are no business partners, from  
 4 the local business community;

5 (3) Two certificated teachers, excluding any personnel employed in administrative  
 6 positions, who are employed at least four of the six school segments at the school; and

7 (4) The school principal.

8 School districts shall have the option of adding two student members to the council.

9 Student members shall be nonvoting members of the council and shall be elected by a vote

10 of the certificated teachers of the school the students represent. Student members shall not

11 be counted in determining the presence or lack of a quorum at a council meeting. The

12 length of the term of a student member will be determined by the school district. If a

13 student member of the council resigns or for any reason is unable to serve his or her full

14 term, a replacement student member shall be elected within 30 days by a vote of the

15 certificated teachers of the school the student represents, unless there are 90 days or fewer

16 remaining in the unfulfilled term in which case the vacancy shall remain unfilled. An

17 employee of the local school system may serve as a parent representative on the council

18 of a school in which his or her child is enrolled if such employee works at a different

19 school. With the exception of the principal, ~~and~~ the business representatives, and, if

20 applicable, the student members, members shall be elected by, and from among, the group

21 they represent. The chairperson of the council shall be the school principal."

22 "(f) All meetings of the council shall be held at the school site. The council shall meet once

23 a month, at the call of the chairperson, or at the request of a majority of the members of the

24 council. Notice by mail shall be sent to school councilmembers at least seven days prior

25 to a meeting of the council. School councils shall be subject to Chapter 14 of Title 50,

26 relating to open and public meetings, in the same manner as local boards of education.

27 Each member, with the exception of student members, if applicable, is authorized to

28 exercise one vote. A quorum must be present in order to conduct official council business.

29 Members of the council shall not receive remuneration to serve on the council or its

30 committees."

## 31 SECTION 2.

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