

Senate Bill 598

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-1184 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 the reporting of students committing prohibited acts, so as to provide that the parents of a
3 student reported to have committed a certain prohibited act on school property shall be given
4 immediate notice by the school principal; to repeal 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 20-2-1184 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the reporting
8 of students committing prohibited acts, is amended by striking said Code section in its
9 entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

10 "20-2-1184.

11 (a) Any teacher or other person employed at any public or private elementary or secondary
12 school or any dean or public safety officer employed by a college or university who has
13 reasonable cause to believe that a student at that school has committed any act upon school
14 property or at any school function, which act is prohibited by any of the following:

15 (1) Code Section 16-5-21, relating to aggravated assault if a firearm is involved;

16 (2) Code Section 16-5-24, relating to aggravated battery;

17 (3) Chapter 6 of Title 16, relating to sexual offenses;

18 (4) Code Section 16-11-127, relating to carrying deadly weapons at public gatherings;

19 (5) Code Section 16-11-127.1, relating to carrying weapons at school functions or on
20 school property or within school safety zones;

21 (6) Code Section 16-11-132, relating to the illegal possession of a pistol or revolver by
22 a person under 18 years of age; or

23 (7) Code Section 16-13-30, relating to possession and other activities regarding
24 marijuana and controlled substances,

25 shall immediately report the act and the name of the student to the principal or president
26 of that school or the principal's or president's designee.

1 (b) The principal or designee who receives a report made pursuant to subsection (a) of this
2 Code section who has reasonable cause to believe that the report is valid shall make an oral
3 report thereof immediately by telephone or otherwise to the student's parents; the
4 appropriate school system superintendent, and to the appropriate police authority and
5 district attorney.

6 (c) Any person participating in the making of a report or causing a report to be made as
7 authorized or required pursuant to this Code section or participating in any judicial
8 proceeding or any other proceeding resulting therefrom shall in so doing be immune from
9 any civil or criminal liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed, providing such
10 participation pursuant to this Code section is made in good faith.

11 (d) Any person required to make a report pursuant to this Code section who knowingly and
12 willfully fails to do so shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

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SECTION 2.

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