

Senate Bill 622

By: Senators Stokes of the 43rd, Brown of the 26th, Henson of the 41st and Tate of the 38th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 27 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to loitering at or disrupting schools, so as to provide that the State Board of  
3 Education shall establish a state-wide uniform violent incident reporting system for local  
4 school systems; to provide for an annual report; to provide for the content of said report; to  
5 provide for the promulgation of regulations; to provide for other matters relative to the  
6 foregoing; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 27 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
10 loitering at or disrupting schools, is amended by inserting immediately following Code  
11 Section 20-2-1184 a new Code Section 20-2-1184.1 to read as follows:

12 "20-2-1184.1.

13 (a) The State Board of Education shall establish a state-wide uniform violent incident  
14 reporting system which local boards of education shall adopt and enact.

15 (b) The uniform violent incident reporting system established pursuant to subsection (a)  
16 of this Code section shall require local boards of education to annually report to the State  
17 Board of Education, in a form and by a date prescribed by the commissioner, the following  
18 information concerning the commission by a student of any act prohibited by Code Section  
19 20-2-1184:

20 (1) The type of offense;

21 (2) The age and grade of the student;

22 (3) The location at which the incident occurred;

23 (4) The type of incident;

24 (5) Whether the incident occurred during or outside of regular school hours;

25 (6) Where the incident involves a weapon, whether the weapon was a firearm, knife, or  
26 other weapon;

1 (7) The actions taken by the school in response to the incident, including when the  
2 incident was reported to law enforcement officials and whether disciplinary action was  
3 taken against the offenders;

4 (8) Any student discipline or referral action taken against the offender, including but not  
5 limited to an out-of-school suspension, an involuntary transfer to an alternative  
6 placement, an in-school suspension, a referral for community service, a referral for  
7 counseling, or a referral to the juvenile justice system and the duration of such action; and

8 (9) The nature of the victim and the victim's age and grade where appropriate.

9 (c) By January 1 of each year, the State Board of Education shall report to the Governor  
10 and the General Assembly concerning the prevalence of violence and disruptive incidents  
11 in the public schools and the effectiveness of school programs undertaken to reduce  
12 violence and assure the safety and security of students and school personnel. The report  
13 shall summarize the information available from the violent incident reporting system and  
14 identify specifically the schools and school systems with the least and greatest incidence  
15 of violent and disruptive incidents and the least and most improvement since the previous  
16 year or years. The report shall also, to the extent possible, relate the results available from  
17 the violent incident reporting system, together with such other analysis and information as  
18 the commissioner determines is appropriate, to the effectiveness of school violence  
19 measures undertaken by participating schools and school districts, including the school  
20 discipline codes and school safety plans established pursuant to this title.

21 (d) The State Board of Education shall promulgate regulations to implement the provisions  
22 of this Code section and to assure to the extent practicable that the reports used by local  
23 school systems are uniform and comparable with respect to the types of incidents reported  
24 and the responses of the schools and school systems. Such regulations shall provide for the  
25 confidentiality of all personally identifiable information and shall ensure that any  
26 personally identifiable information which is collected is used for only for its intended  
27 purpose."

## 28 **SECTION 2.**

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