

The Senate Education Committee offered the following substitute to HB 1151:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 elementary and secondary education, so as to require a prompt request for a criminal record  
3 check for a newly hired teacher, principal, or other certificated professional employee; to  
4 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

6 Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and  
7 secondary education, is amended by striking paragraph (1) of subsection (e) of Code Section  
8 20-2-211, relating to annual contracts of teachers, principals, and other certificated  
9 professional personnel, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:  
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11 "(e)(1) All personnel employed by a local unit of administration ~~after July 1, 2000~~,  
12 whether or not such personnel hold certificates from the Professional Standards  
13 Commission, shall be fingerprinted and have a criminal record check made as required  
14 by this subsection. The local unit of administration shall request the criminal record check  
15 within ten working days following the date of hire. The local unit of administration shall  
16 have the authority to employ a person holding such a certificate under a provisional or  
17 temporary contract for a maximum of 200 days and to employ a person who does not  
18 hold such a certificate for a maximum of 200 days, in order to allow for the receipt of the  
19 results of the criminal record check. Teachers, principals, and other certificated personnel  
20 whose employment in a local unit of administration is renewed pursuant to this subpart  
21 ~~after July 1, 2000~~, shall have a criminal record check made as required by this subsection  
22 upon any certificate renewal application to the Professional Standards Commission. The  
23 local unit of administration shall adopt policies to provide for the subsequent criminal  
24 record checks of noncertificated personnel continued in employment in the local unit of  
25 administration."

**SECTION 2.**

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- 2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.