

House Bill 497

By: Representatives Benfield of the 85th, Stanley-Turner of the 53rd, Manning of the 32nd, Henson of the 87th, Randall of the 138th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to student health, so as to provide for a statement of a student's body
3 mass index in each student's report card or grade report; to provide for the computation of
4 the body mass index; to provide for written information to parents or legal guardians of
5 students who have a body mass index above the normal range; to provide for related matters;
6 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
10 relating to student health, is amended by adding to the end of such part a new Code section
11 to read as follows:

12 "20-2-775.

13 (a) Each local school system shall include in each student's report card or grade report a
14 statement of the student's body mass index and whether such student's body mass index
15 is below, within, or above the normal range according to a body mass index value table
16 approved by the county health department. Such statement shall be included two times per
17 each school year, once during the first half of the school year and once during the second
18 half.

19 (b) Each local school system shall weigh each student and compute the student's body
20 mass index in a manner designed to respect the student's privacy. This shall be conducted
21 two times per year, once during the first half of the school year and once during the second
22 half.

23 (c) Each local school system is required to provide to the parent or legal guardian of any
24 student who has a body mass index above the normal range written information approved
25 by the county health department that explains the connection between a body mass index
26 that is above the normal range and obesity, diabetes, and other health problems."

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SECTION 2.

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.