

House Bill 984

By: Representatives Coan of the 101st, Lunsford of the 110th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Ralston of the 7th, Coleman of the 97th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Subpart 2 of Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of
2 Georgia Annotated, relating to compulsory attendance for students in elementary and
3 secondary education, so as to provide that a student whose parent is in military service is
4 granted excused absences from school to visit with his or her parent prior to deployment or
5 while on leave; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Subpart 2 of Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
10 Annotated, relating to compulsory attendance for students in elementary and secondary
11 education, is amended by inserting after Code Section 20-2-692, relating to General
12 Assembly pages granted excused absences, a new Code Section 20-2-692.1 to read as
13 follows:

14 "20-2-692.1.

15 A student whose parent is in military service in the armed forces of the United States or the
16 National Guard, and such parent has been called to duty for overseas deployment or is on
17 leave from overseas deployment, shall be granted excused absences, up to a maximum of
18 five school days per school year, for the day or days missed from school to visit with his
19 or her parent prior to such parent's deployment or during such parent's leave, and such
20 student shall be credited as present by the school in which enrolled."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.