

Senate Bill 424

By: Senators Chance of the 16th, Douglas of the 17th, Moody of the 56th, Cagle of the 49th,
Staton of the 18th 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 construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal
6 conflicting laws; and for other 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 or is on leave from overseas
17 deployment to a combat zone or combat support posting, shall be granted excused
18 absences, up to a maximum of five school days per school year, for the day or days missed
19 from school to visit with his or her parent prior to such parent's deployment or during such
20 parent's leave. Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to require a local school
21 system to revise any policies relating to maximum number of excused and unexcused
22 absences for any purposes."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.