

**ADOPTED**

1 Senators Schaefer of the 50th, Rogers of the 21st, Williams of the 19th and Seabaugh of the  
2 28th offered the following amendment:

3 *Amend the Senate Education and Youth Committee substitute to SB 413 (LC 33 1354S) by*  
4 *inserting after "attendance;" on line 8 of page 1 the following:*

5 to amend Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia  
6 Annotated, relating to school attendance, so as to require written parental or legal guardian  
7 permission for membership in a specific club or activity; to provide for adoption of policies  
8 and procedures by local boards of education to provide information regarding school  
9 sponsored clubs and extracurricular activities to parents and legal guardians; to provide that  
10 local school systems shall comply with written notification from parents and legal  
11 guardians withholding permission for participation; to require annual permission for club  
12 membership and participation in activities;

13 *By inserting between lines 17 and 18 of page 4 the following:*

14 **SECTION 4.**

15 Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
16 relating to school attendance, is amended by inserting a new subpart to be designated Subpart  
17 2A to read as follows:

18 "Subpart 2A

19 20-2-705.

20 (a) Each local board of education shall adopt policies and procedures for notifying parents  
21 or guardians of students regarding school sponsored clubs and extracurricular activities,  
22 and providing an opportunity for parents or guardians to withhold permission for a child  
23 to join designated clubs or participate in designated activities. An annual notification  
24 utilizing the student handbook or other appropriate method regarding school sponsored  
25 clubs shall include without limitation the name of the club, mission or purpose of the club,  
26 name of the club's faculty advisor, and a description of past or planned activities. A  
27 similar notification regarding extracurricular activities shall include without limitation the  
28 mission or purpose of the extracurricular activity, name of the faculty advisor, and a  
29 description of planned programs or actions. Each local school system shall comply with  
30 the written notification from a parent or guardian who has withheld permission for a child  
31 to join a club or participate in an activity, and shall not allow a child to join a club or

1 participate in an activity in contravention of written notification from the child's parent or  
2 guardian forbidding such club or activity.

3 (b) All clubs, programs, or extracurricular activities occurring on school property or  
4 sponsored by schools, school staff, or students shall require written parental or legal  
5 guardian permission for membership in each specific club or activity.

6 (c) Beginning with the 2006-2007 school year, each local school system shall obtain  
7 written parental or legal guardian permission for a student to participate in or be a member  
8 of a school sponsored club or extracurricular activity. Each local school system shall  
9 obtain this permission at the beginning of each school year."

10 *By redesignating Section 4 as Section 5.*