

House Bill 1518

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to local boards of education, so as to require written notification by a local board of  
3 education of any breach of security relating to the unauthorized access of social security  
4 numbers of students and employees; to provide for a definition; to provide for delayed notice  
5 in certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local  
9 boards of education, is amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:

10 "20-2-71.

11 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'breach of the security of the system' means  
12 unauthorized acquisition of computerized data maintained by a local school system or  
13 individual school that compromises the security or confidentiality of the social security  
14 number of one or more students or employees.

15 (b) A local board of education shall give notice of any breach of the security of the system  
16 following discovery or notification of such breach to every student or employee whose  
17 social security number was, or is reasonably believed to have been, acquired by an  
18 unauthorized person. The notice shall be made in writing in the most expedient time  
19 possible but in no event later than 20 days after discovery or notification of the breach,  
20 except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of this Code section.

21 (c) The notification required by this Code section may be delayed if a law enforcement  
22 agency determines that the notification will compromise a criminal investigation; provided,  
23 however, that the notification required in subsection (b) of this Code section shall be made  
24 as soon as reasonably possible after the law enforcement agency determines that it will not  
25 compromise the investigation."

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**SECTION 2.**

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.