

House Bill 1625

By: Representatives Morgan of the 39th, Watson of the 91st, Gardner of the 57th, Hugley of the 133rd, Stanley-Turner of the 53rd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 8 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to the State Board of Education under the "Quality Basic Education Act,"
3 so as to require the State Board of Education to annually notify secondary students and their
4 parents of their right under federal law to opt out of providing student information for
5 purposes of military recruitment; to provide for a short title; to provide legislative findings;
6 to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Parents' Right to Know Act."

10 **SECTION 2.**

11 The General Assembly finds:

- 12 (1) The U.S. Armed Forces are made up entirely of volunteers;
- 13 (2) In order to recruit new volunteers, the military relies heavily on access to student
14 information through our schools;
- 15 (3) Federal law allows the release of certain student information for purposes of military
16 recruitment under certain conditions;
- 17 (4) Federal law also requires that parents and students 18 years of age or older be given
18 the opportunity to withhold student information from military recruiters;
- 19 (5) Federal law requires local that school systems provide notice to parents and students
20 of their right to opt out; and
- 21 (6) Parents do not always receive such notice.

SECTION 3.

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2 Part 8 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
3 relating to the State Board of Education under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended
4 by inserting a new Code section to read as follows:

5 "20-2-245.

6 The State Board of Education shall provide annual notice to all public secondary school
7 students and their parents or legal guardians of their right under Section 9528 of the
8 federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (P. L. 107-110) to request that the student's
9 name, address, and telephone listing not be released for purposes of military recruitment
10 without prior written consent."

SECTION 4.

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12 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.