

Senate Bill 123

By: Senators Rogers of the 21st, Shafer of the 48th, Hawkins of the 49th, Hill of the 32nd, Schaefer of the 50th and others

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 that twins or other multiples are placed
3 in the same classroom if the parent or guardian requests; to provide for related matters; to
4 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local
8 boards of education, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

9 "20-2-71.

10 (a) For purposes of this Code section, the term 'higher order multiples' means triplets,
11 quadruplets, quintuplets, or more.

12 (b) A school must place twins or higher order multiples from the same family together in
13 the same classroom if the children are in the same grade level at the same school, and the
14 children's parent or legal guardian requests the placement. The parent or guardian must
15 request the classroom placement no later than 14 days after the first day of each school year
16 or 14 days after the first day of attendance of the children during a school year if the
17 children are enrolled in the school after the school year commences."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.