

Senate Bill 155

By: Senator Balfour of the 9th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, so as to require
3 immunization against human papillomavirus for female students entering the sixth grade; to
4 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
8 relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, is amended by revising
9 subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-771, relating to immunization of students, as follows:

10 "(c) The Department of Human Resources shall promulgate rules and regulations
11 specifying those diseases against which immunization is required and the standards for
12 such immunizations; provided, however, that prior to admission into the sixth grade at
13 any school in this state, all female students must be vaccinated for human papillomavirus
14 unless the parent or guardian of a student certifies in writing that he or she cannot afford,
15 with or without health care coverage, the costs associated with the vaccination and except
16 as otherwise provided in subsection (e) of this Code section. The school or facility shall
17 maintain on file the certificates of immunization for all children attending the school or
18 facility. All facilities shall file a report annually with the Department of Human
19 Resources. The report shall be filed on forms prepared by the Department of Human
20 Resources and shall state the number of children attending the school or facility, the
21 number of children who did not submit certificates of immunization within the waiver
22 period, and the number of children who are exempted from the certification requirement
23 for medical or religious reasons."

24 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.