

The House Committee on Education offers the following substitute to HB 208:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 20-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to operation of school councils, so as to provide that the parent members make up a majority on the school council; to provide that the chairperson shall be a parent member; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 20-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to operation of school councils, is amended by revising subsections (d) and (j) as follows:

"(d) The property and business of the council shall be managed by a minimum of seven school councilmembers of whom a majority shall constitute a quorum. The number of councilmembers shall be specified in the council's bylaws. ~~If the number of councilmembers exceeds seven, the number of parent members and teacher members must be equal.~~ Members of the school council shall include:

(1) ~~At least two~~ A number of parents or guardians of students enrolled in the school, excluding employees who are parents or guardians of such students, so that such parents or guardians make up a majority of the council and at least two of whom shall be businesspersons;

~~(2) Two businesspersons;~~

~~(3)~~(2) At least two certificated teachers, excluding any personnel employed in administrative positions, who are employed at least four of the six school segments at the school;

~~(4)~~(3) The school principal; and

~~(5)~~(4) Other members as specified in the council's bylaws, such as, but not limited to, students, staff, and representatives of school related organizations. Other businesspersons from the local business community may serve on the council and shall be selected by the

1 other members of the school council. Selection procedures for these members and the
2 business members shall be specified in the council's bylaws.

3 An employee of the local school system may serve as a parent representative on the council
4 of a school in which his or her child is enrolled if such employee works at a different
5 school. With the exception of the principal and the business representatives, members shall
6 be elected by, and from among, the group they represent."

7 "(j)(1) The officers of the school council shall be a chairperson, vice chairperson, and
8 secretary. Officers of the council shall be elected by the council at the first meeting of the
9 council following the election of school councilmembers; provided, however, that the
10 chairperson shall be a parent member. The officers of the council shall hold office for
11 the term specified in the council's bylaws.

12 (2) The vice chairperson shall, in the absence or disability of the chairperson, perform
13 the duties and exercise the powers of the chairperson and shall perform such other duties
14 as shall be required by the council.

15 (3) The secretary shall attend all meetings, act as clerk of the council, and be responsible
16 for recording all votes and minutes of all proceedings in the books to be kept for that
17 purpose. The secretary shall give or cause to be given notice of all meetings of the
18 council and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the council."

19 **SECTION 2.**

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