

House Bill 612

By: Representatives Drenner of the 86th, Manning of the 32nd, Ashe of the 56th, Sinkfield of the 60th, Benfield of the 85th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 5 of Article 22 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to school buses, so as to prohibit the use of a cellular phone and other
3 communication devices by a school bus driver except for official school system business or
4 in the event of an emergency; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and
5 for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 5 of Article 22 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
9 relating to school buses, is revised by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

10 "20-2-1127.

11 (a) The use of a mobile, wireless, or cellular phone or other communication device by a
12 school bus driver while there are one or more children or other passengers on the school
13 bus shall be prohibited.

14 (b) Any school bus driver found to be in violation of this Code section shall be subject to
15 disciplinary action by the local board of education, up to and including termination from
16 employment.

17 (c) This Code section shall not prohibit any school bus driver from using a mobile,
18 wireless, or cellular phone or other communication device provided or allowed by the
19 public school system for necessary official school system business or in the event of an
20 emergency."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.