

The House Committee on Special Rules offers the following substitute to HB 791:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 holidays and observances, so as to declare the third Monday in October "School Bus Drivers
3 Appreciation Day"; to make certain findings of fact; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
4 purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 WHEREAS, every day, a fleet of yellow school buses transport Georgia's children to and
8 from school carrying the state's future—our children; and

9 WHEREAS, the state's school bus drivers are entrusted with the lives of our children, and
10 they have proven worthy of our trust day after day, year in and year out, in spite of low
11 wages and lower retirement benefits; and

12 WHEREAS, Georgia's school bus drivers deserve recognition and appreciation for their
13 sense of duty and their sense of obligation in keeping our children safe; and

14 WHEREAS, it is only right and proper that the citizens of this state take a few moments each
15 year to thank our school bus drivers.

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and
18 observances, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

19 "1-4-17.

20 The third Monday in October of every year is designated 'School Bus Drivers Appreciation
21 Day' in Georgia."

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SECTION 3.

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.