

The Senate Public Safety Committee offered the following substitute to HB 969:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-5-22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 persons not to be licensed, minimum ages for licenses, school attendance requirements, and
3 driving training requirements, so as to provide that a course of instruction given within the
4 context of a bona fide home schooling program shall constitute an approved driver education
5 training course; to amend Chapter 10 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
6 relating to formulation and coordination of state and local highway safety programs, so as
7 to provide the Governor certain authority relating to the disposition of surplus property; to
8 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

10 Code Section 40-5-22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to persons not to
11 be licensed, minimum ages for licenses, school attendance requirements, and driving training
12 requirements, is amended by adding a new paragraph at the end of subsection (a.2) to read
13 as follows:
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15 "(5) For purposes of this Code section, the term 'approved driver education training
16 course' shall include instruction given in the course of a home education program that
17 satisfies the reporting requirements of all state laws governing such programs, provided
18 that such instruction utilizes a curriculum approved by the department."

SECTION 2.

19 Chapter 10 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to formulation and
20 coordination of state and local highway safety programs, is amended by revising Code
21 Section 40-10-7, relating to specific authority and duties of the Governor, as follows:
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23 "40-10-7.

24 ~~The Notwithstanding the provisions of Code Section 50-5-143, the~~ Governor is authorized
25 and granted the power to contract and to exercise any other powers which may be

1 necessary in order to ensure that all departments of the state government and local political
2 subdivisions participate to the fullest extent possible in the benefits available under the
3 National Highway Safety Act of 1966 and similar federal programs of highway safety. The
4 Governor shall formulate standards for highway safety programs for political subdivisions
5 to assure that they meet the criteria of the National Highway Safety Agency and shall
6 institute a reporting system for the local political subdivisions to report the status of their
7 programs to the state."

8 **SECTION 3.**

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