

House Bill 1478 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Hatfield of the 177<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act reconstituting the Board of Education of Ware County, approved  
2 September 18, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, Ex. Sess., p. 445), as amended, so as to provide that  
3 teachers and employees employed by the board may address or speak to the board concerning  
4 matters involving the Ware County schools or school system during meetings of the board  
5 without seeking or obtaining the approval of any supervisors or the county school  
6 superintendent; to prohibit any form of retaliation against such teachers or employees for  
7 such activities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
8 purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

11 An Act reconstituting the Board of Education of Ware County, approved September 18, 1991  
12 (Ga. L. 1991, Ex. Sess., p. 445), as amended, is amended by adding a new section to read as  
13 follows:

14 style="text-align:center">"SECTION 6A.

15 Any teacher or other employee employed by the board shall be permitted to address and  
16 speak to the board during meetings of the board about matters of concern involving the  
17 Ware County schools and school system without first seeking or obtaining the approval of  
18 any supervisor or the county school superintendent; provided, however, that the board may,  
19 in its discretion, limit each speaker to not less than five minutes each. The board, the  
20 superintendent, and the supervisors of such teachers or other employees shall not retaliate,  
21 discipline, or otherwise sanction any teacher or other employee on account of the making  
22 or the content of such address or speech to the board."

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

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.