

House Bill 1348

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 8 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to school buses, so as to create the Georgia School Bus Safety Task Force; to provide
3 for members; to provide for duties; to provide for a report and recommendations; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Article 8 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 school buses, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

9 "40-6-166.

10 (a) There is created the Georgia School Bus Safety Task Force, which shall be composed
11 of six members as follows:

12 (1) Two members appointed by the Governor;

13 (2) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

14 (3) Two members appointed by the President of the Senate.

15 (b) At the first meeting of the task force, the members shall select from among their
16 number a chairperson and a vice chairperson and shall adopt rules governing the
17 transaction of business and record keeping. The task force shall meet on the call of the
18 chairperson or upon the call of three or more members. Members of the task force shall
19 serve without compensation or reimbursement of expenses.

20 (c) The duties of the task force shall be to:

21 (1) Make a comprehensive study of school bus safety designs and technology related to
22 safety and law enforcement;

23 (2) Examine and study approaches taken by other states in the implementation of school
24 bus safety measures and related costs;

25 (3) Research and develop recommendations relating to school bus safety; and

26 (4) Review Georgia laws relating to school bus safety and recommend any needed
27 legislation.

28 (d) The task force shall publish its findings and recommendations not later than November
29 1, 2011. The task force shall remain in existence thereafter to advocate for school bus
30 safety."

31 **SECTION 2.**

32 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.