

House Bill 1413

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Subpart 2 of Part 2 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of  
2 Georgia Annotated, relating to public school disciplinary tribunals, so as to require that the  
3 same disciplinary hearing officer, panel, or tribunal of school officials conduct a disciplinary  
4 hearing for each student in incidents involving two or more students and that no punishment  
5 be imposed until all hearings are conducted; to provide for related matters; to repeal  
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Subpart 2 of Part 2 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia  
10 Annotated, relating to public school disciplinary tribunals, is amended by revising Code  
11 Section 20-2-752, relating to establishment of disciplinary hearing officers, panels or  
12 tribunals for imposition of suspension or expulsion, as follows:

13 "20-2-752.

14 Local boards of education may establish by policy, rule, or regulation disciplinary hearing  
15 officers, panels, or tribunals of school officials to impose suspension or expulsion. If such  
16 hearing officers, panels, or tribunals are established, such rules and regulations must  
17 include the following:

18 (1) Provisions governing the manner of selecting the hearing officers or members of the  
19 panels or tribunals and the number of members thereof;

20 (2) Provisions governing procedures to be followed by such hearing officers, panels, or  
21 tribunals in fact-finding, hearings, and reporting recommendations to the local board;

22 (3) Provisions requiring that if a single incident involves two or more students, the same  
23 hearing officer, panel, or tribunal shall conduct the hearing for each student involved and  
24 shall not impose a punishment on any involved students until all hearings have been  
25 conducted;

26 ~~(3)~~(4) Provisions granting a right to appeal to the local board when the punishment  
27 imposed by hearing officers, panels, or tribunals is long-term suspension or expulsion;  
28 and  
29 ~~(4)~~(5) Provisions whereby the local school superintendent may suspend enforcement of  
30 the suspension or expulsion ordered by the hearing officers, panels, or tribunals pending  
31 the outcome of any appeal to the local board."

32 **SECTION 2.**

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