

The Senate Education and Youth Committee offered the following substitute to SB 420:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions relative to education, so as to provide that for purposes of
3 determining perfect attendance awards, absences due to illness or injury caused by conditions
4 which create a state-wide recognized state of emergency or epidemic shall not be counted as
5 absences; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 general provisions relative to education, is amended by adding a new Code section to read
10 as follows:

11 "20-1-10.

12 For purposes of determining perfect attendance awards, absences due to illness or injury,
13 as verified by a physician, caused by conditions which create a state-wide recognized state
14 of emergency or epidemic shall not be counted as absences. The provisions of this Code
15 section shall apply to awards given for the 2009-2010 school year and all future school
16 years."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
19 without such approval.

20 **SECTION 3.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.