

House Bill 300

By: Representatives Wilkinson of the 52nd, Cooper of the 41st, Porter of the 143rd, Gardner of the 57th, Lindsey of the 54th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, so as to require
3 local school systems to provide certain information to parents and guardians of students in
4 grades six through 12 on meningococcal meningitis disease and its vaccine whenever other
5 health information is provided; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and
6 for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
10 relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, is amended by adding a
11 new Code section to read as follows:

12 "20-2-776.

13 (a) If a local board of education provides information on immunizations, infectious
14 diseases, medications, or other school health issues to parents and guardians of students in
15 grades six through 12, then the following information about meningococcal meningitis
16 disease and its vaccine shall be included:

17 (1) A description of causes, symptoms, and means of transmission;

18 (2) A list of sources for additional information; and

19 (3) Related recommendations issued by the federal Centers for Disease Control and
20 Prevention.

21 (b) The Department of Education, in cooperation with the Department of Human
22 Resources, shall develop and make available the information about meningococcal
23 meningitis disease and its vaccine to local school systems as required under subsection (a)
24 of this Code section in an efficient manner that shall include posting the information on its
25 website."

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SECTION 2.

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.