

The Senate Veterans, Military and Homeland Security Committee offered the following substitute to SB 216:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 20 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to leaves of absence, so as to define a certain term; to provide that the spouse of any
3 member of the armed forces who was wounded in combat and who returns to this state shall
4 be entitled to 30 days of personal leave with pay and an additional 60 days of leave without
5 pay; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

7 Article 2 of Chapter 20 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 leaves of absence, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

9 "45-20-32.

10 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'combat disabled military member' means a
11 member of the armed forces who has been granted a permanent 50 percent or greater
12 disability retirement or who has been placed on the temporary disability retirement list
13 maintained by a branch of service because of wounds or injuries incurred in combat.

14 (b) Any state employee who is the spouse of a combat disabled military member shall be
15 entitled to 30 days of personal leave with pay. Such period shall begin not later than the
16 second month after such combat disabled military member's return to this state. Upon the
17 expiration of such period, such state employee shall be entitled to an additional 60 days of
18 unpaid leave.

19 (c) The State Personnel Board shall establish rules and regulations implementing the
20 provisions of this Code section."
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SECTION 2.

22 This Act shall become effective on the first day of the month following the month in which
23 it is approved by the Governor or in which it becomes law without such approval.
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25 **SECTION 3.**
26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.