

House Bill 732

By: Representative Hatfield of the 177<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act reconstituting the Board of Education of Ware County, approved  
2 September 18, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, Ex. Sess., p. 445), as amended, so as to provide that  
3 citizens of the Ware County School District shall have the right to address or speak to the  
4 board of education on official actions or other topics relating to the business of the board of  
5 education at meetings of the board of education by expressing their desire to speak no later  
6 than the beginning of the meeting at which such citizens desire to address or speak to the  
7 board of education; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
8 purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 An Act reconstituting the Board of Education of Ware County, approved September 18, 1991  
12 (Ga. L. 1991, Ex. Sess., p. 445), as amended, is amended by adding a new section to read as  
13 follows:

14 **"SECTION 6B.**

15 Any citizen of the Ware County School District shall have the right to address or speak to  
16 the board of education for not longer than five minutes on official actions or other topics  
17 relating to the business of the board of education at meetings of the board of education by  
18 expressing his or her desire to speak no later than the beginning of the meeting at which  
19 such citizen desires to address or speak to the board of education. The board of education  
20 may enact reasonable restrictions on the exercise of such right, including, but not limited  
21 to, decorum and identification of speakers; provided, however, that the board of education  
22 shall not impose any requirements that such citizens sign up or express their desire to speak  
23 at any earlier time or date than provided in this section."

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**SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.