

House Bill 267

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to require the Department of Education to develop a comprehensive strategy and uniform program regarding the dangers of sending texts featuring explicit images; to provide for implementation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-149.1.

(a) The Department of Education shall develop a comprehensive strategy and uniform program to educate all students in grades four through 12 on the dangers of sending texts featuring explicit images. Such program shall include the creation of an informative poster to be posted in each school's cafeteria and by requiring each school to hold an assembly appropriate to each school regarding sending texts featuring explicit images at the start of each school year. The department shall provide the appropriate information regarding such program to each local school system via electronic means of communication, to the greatest extent possible.

(b) Each local board of education shall implement the strategy developed pursuant to this Code section beginning in school year 2011-2012, and annually thereafter."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.