

House Bill 276

By: Representatives Dawkins-Haigler of the 93rd, Benton of the 31st, Talton of the 145th,
Morgan of the 39th, Mayo of the 91st, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to students in elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for parent
3 conferences when a student receives a failing grade on two consecutive report cards in a
4 subject or course; to provide for proceedings against a parent or guardian who fails to attend
5 such conference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
10 students in elementary and secondary education, is amended by revising Code Section
11 20-2-766.1, relating to proceeding against parents for failure to cooperate in educational
12 programs, as follows:

13 "20-2-766.1.

14 The local board of education may, by petition to the juvenile court, proceed against a parent
15 or guardian as provided in this Code section. If the court finds that the parent or guardian
16 has willfully and unreasonably failed to attend a conference requested by a principal
17 pursuant to Code Section 20-2-765, ~~or 20-2-766, or 20-2-785~~, the court may order the
18 parent or guardian to attend such a conference, order the parent or guardian to participate
19 in such programs or such treatment as the court deems appropriate to improve the student's
20 behavior, or both. After notice and opportunity for hearing, the court may impose a fine,
21 not to exceed \$500.00, on a parent or guardian who willfully disobeys an order of the court
22 entered under this Code section. The court may use its contempt and other powers specified
23 in Code Section 15-11-5 to enforce any order entered under this Code section."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 Said article is amended by adding a new part to read as follows:

26 "Part 5

27 20-2-785.

28 If a student receives a failing grade on two consecutive report cards in a subject or course,
29 the school shall notify by telephone call and by either certified mail, statutory overnight
30 delivery with return receipt requested, or first-class mail the student's parent or guardian
31 of the failing grades and request at least one parent or guardian to attend a conference with
32 the principal or the teacher or both to address the failing grades. Failure of the student's
33 parent or guardian to attend such a conference may subject such parent or guardian to
34 proceedings pursuant to Code Section 20-2-766.1."

35 **SECTION 3.**

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