

The Senate Public Safety Committee offered the following substitute to SB 120:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-142 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 prescribed courses and the development and dissemination of instructional materials on the  
3 effect of alcohol, so as to provide for a voluntary parent or guardian participation component  
4 in the alcohol and drug course required for obtaining a driver's license for a person under 18  
5 years of age; to amend Code Section 40-5-25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
6 relating to driver's license application fees, so as to provide for motor vehicle report; to  
7 provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
8 other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

10 Code Section 20-2-142 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prescribed  
11 courses and the development and dissemination of instructional materials on the effect of  
12 alcohol, is amended in subsection (b) as follows:

14 "(b)(1) The State Board of Education and the Board of Driver Services shall jointly  
15 establish an alcohol and drug course for the purpose of informing the young people of  
16 this state of the dangers involved in consuming alcohol or certain drugs in connection  
17 with the operation of a motor vehicle. The course shall be designed to generate greater  
18 interest in highway safety and accident prevention. The state board and the Board of  
19 Driver Services shall jointly, by rules or regulations, determine the contents of the course  
20 and its duration. The commissioner of driver services shall make available officers,  
21 employees, officials, agents, contractors, or other appropriate representatives as  
22 determined by the commissioner of driver services to teach the alcohol and drug course.  
23 The alcohol and drug course shall be offered periodically but not less than once annually  
24 in the public schools of this state to students in grades nine and above in the manner  
25 prescribed by the state board.

26 (2) The alcohol and drug course required by this subsection shall make available as a part  
 27 of such course a voluntary parent or guardian participation component which  
 28 substantially complies with the following requirements:

29 (A) A joint session with the parent or guardian and child which provides opportunities  
 30 for parents or guardians to voluntarily participate in the guidance and delivery of the  
 31 anti-drug and anti-alcohol instruction; and

32 (B) A separate voluntary component solely for parental or guardian instruction, that  
 33 provides drug prevention strategies, legal accountability information, an opportunity  
 34 for parent or guardian questions, and any other information that would offer parents or  
 35 guardians a framework for the protection of their children from alcohol and other drug  
 36 use.

37 ~~(2)~~(3) All schools with grade nine or above which receive funds in any manner from the  
 38 state shall make available to eligible students and their parents or guardians the alcohol  
 39 and drug course provided in ~~paragraph (1)~~ of this subsection.

40 ~~(3)~~(4) The commissioner of driver services shall make the alcohol and drug course, and  
 41 instructors where necessary, available to the private schools in this state. In addition, the  
 42 commissioner of driver services shall offer the alcohol and drug course periodically at  
 43 various locations in the state in the manner provided by the Board of Driver Services.  
 44 The commissioner shall also be authorized to offer such course electronically online or  
 45 in such other manner as determined appropriate by the commissioner."

## 46 SECTION 2.

47 Code Section 40-5-25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to driver's license  
 48 application fees, is amended by adding a new subsection as follows:

49 "(f) The General Assembly finds that it is in the best interest of the state to encourage  
 50 alcohol and drug education to inform young people of the dangers involved in consuming  
 51 alcohol or certain drugs while operating a motor vehicle. The General Assembly further  
 52 finds that parental or guardian involvement in an alcohol and drug awareness program will  
 53 assist in reducing the number of young persons involved in driving under the influence of  
 54 drugs or alcohol. To promote these purposes, where a parent or guardian successfully  
 55 participates in the parent-guardian component of the alcohol and drug course required by  
 56 subsection (a) of Code Section 40-5-22 as prescribed in subsection (b) of Code Section  
 57 20-2-142, each parent or guardian shall be entitled to a one-time three-year online motor  
 58 vehicle report."

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**SECTION 3.**

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This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law

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without such approval.

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**SECTION 4.**

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