

House Bill 528

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-1126 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 written policies and procedures for operation of school buses, so as to require local school  
3 systems to establish specific procedures and safety precautions regarding unloading children  
4 under eight years of age from a school bus; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 20-2-1126 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to written  
8 policies and procedures for operation of school buses, is amended by revising subsection (a)  
9 as follows:

10 "(a) Each public school system in this state shall promulgate policies and procedures for  
11 the operation of school buses and the conduct and safety of those students who ride such  
12 buses. Such policies shall include specific procedures and safety precautions regarding  
13 unloading children under eight years of age from a school bus. Such policies and  
14 procedures shall be in writing and available for public inspection. Each person employed  
15 as a school bus driver shall acknowledge in writing that he or she has received a copy of  
16 and has read and understands such policies and procedures. In the event that such policies  
17 and procedures are amended during the school year, such amended policies and procedures  
18 shall be provided to all persons employed by the school system as school bus drivers, and  
19 each such person shall acknowledge in writing that he or she has received a copy of and  
20 has read and understands such amended policies and procedures."

21 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.