

The House Committee on Education offers the following substitute to HB 267:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

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

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

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

12 "20-2-149.1.

13 (a) The Department of Education shall develop a comprehensive age-appropriate strategy
14 and uniform program to educate all students in grades four through 12 on the dangers of
15 sending electronic communications featuring explicit images. The department shall
16 provide the appropriate information regarding such program to each local school system
17 via electronic means of communication, to the greatest extent possible.

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

20 (c) Any parent or legal guardian of a child for whom the program provided for in this Code
21 section applies shall have the right, in writing, to elect that said child not be required to
22 participate in the program."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.