

House Bill 857

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-1A-10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 consultation by the Department of Early Care and Learning on early care and education
3 programs and other matters, so as to permit day-care centers to have child safety alarms
4 installed in vehicles they use to transport children; to require the owner or director of a
5 day-care center to ensure proper maintenance and good working order of such child safety
6 alarms; to provide definitions; to require day-care centers to post an inspection report near
7 the entrance; to require the department to promulgate rules and procedures regulating the
8 installation of child safety alarms in vehicles owned and operated by day-care centers;
9 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

12 Code Section 20-1A-10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to consultation
13 by the Department of Early Care and Learning on early care and education programs and
14 other matters, is amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

15 “(w) A day-care center may have a child safety alarm installed in any vehicle owned or
16 operated by the day-care center that is used to transport children to or from the day-care
17 center.

18 (1) The installation of the child safety alarm shall be installed by a certified technician
19 or mechanic approved by the manufacturer of the child safety alarm.

20 (2) An owner or director of a day-care center who elects to have a child safety alarm
21 installed in a vehicle owned or operated by the day-care center shall ensure that the child
22 safety alarm is properly maintained in good working order each time the vehicle is used
23 for transporting children to or from a day-care center.

24 (3) The day-care center shall post an inspection report in a conspicuous place next to the
25 entrance or other conspicuous place to be easily recognized by parents or guardians.

26 (4) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations concerning the use of child
27 safety alarms in vehicles used to transport children to and from day-care centers."

28 **SECTION 2.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.