

House Bill 1128

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-600 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 leasing of public school property for private purposes authorized, so as to prohibit the leasing  
3 of certain public school property for the purpose of erecting telecommunications towers; to  
4 provide an effective date; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 20-2-600 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the leasing of  
9 public school property for private purposes authorized, is amended as follows:

10 "20-2-600.

11 The various counties, cities, municipalities, county boards of education, city boards of  
12 education, and governing bodies of independent school districts or systems of this state  
13 shall have authority to lease any schoolhouse or other school property that it has  
14 determined is no longer needed for school purposes to any person, group of persons, or  
15 corporation, provided that the lease shall be for a period not longer than 50 years; and  
16 provided, further, that no lease of any public elementary, middle, or high school property  
17 for the construction and maintenance of any telecommunications tower shall be allowed."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
20 without such approval; and this Act shall be applied retroactively.

21 **SECTION 3.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.