

House Bill 35

By: Representatives Battles of the 15th, Epps of the 144th, Talton of the 147th, Taylor of the 79th, Weldon of the 3rd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, so as to provide that the board of
3 education of each school system in this state shall be authorized to designate one or more
4 administrators in each school in the school system to possess and carry firearms within a
5 school safety zone or school building, at a school function, or on school property or on a bus
6 or other transportation furnished by the school; to provide for training; to provide for related
7 matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
11 relating to carrying and possession of firearms, is amended by revising subsection (c) of
12 Code Section 16-11-127.1, relating to carrying weapons within school safety zones, at school
13 functions, or on school property, by striking the "or" at the end of paragraph (17), striking
14 the period at the end of paragraph (18) and inserting in lieu thereof a semicolon and "or", and
15 inserting a new paragraph to read as follows:

16 "(19) Designated school administrators under Code Section 16-11-127.3."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 Said part is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

19 "16-11-127.3.

20 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of this part to the contrary, the board of education for
21 each school system in this state may designate one or more administrators at each school
22 in the school system to possess and carry firearms within a school safety zone or school
23 building, at a school function, or on school property or on a bus or other transportation
24 furnished by the school, including carrying such firearms concealed.

25 (b) Such administrators designated by the board of education of the school system, prior
26 to possessing and carrying a firearm within a school safety zone or school building, at a
27 school function, or on school property or on a bus or other transportation furnished by the
28 school as provided in this Code section, shall:

29 (1) Obtain a weapons carry license pursuant to Code Section 16-11-129; and

30 (2) Attend and successfully complete the basic training course for peace officers
31 administered by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council or a training
32 course developed specifically for school administrators designated under this Code
33 section.

34 (c) Each administrator designated under this Code section to possess and carry firearms
35 shall annually qualify with each firearm that he or she intends to possess or carry under this
36 Code section within a school safety zone or school building, at a school function, or on
37 school property or on a bus or other transportation furnished by the school with the county
38 sheriff's department or a municipal police department in the county in which the school at
39 which he or she is an administrator is located.

40 (d) The board of education shall pay for the costs of all necessary and recurring training
41 for such administrators designated under this Code section to possess and carry firearms
42 within a school safety zone or school building, at a school function, or on school property
43 or on a bus or other transportation furnished by the school."

44 **SECTION 3.**

45 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
46 without such approval.

47 **SECTION 4.**

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