

House Bill 162

By: Representatives Jones of the 53rd and Scott of the 76th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, so as to require
3 public schools to provide parents or guardians of sixth grade students information concerning
4 human papillomavirus including the availability of a vaccination against such virus; to
5 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
9 relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, is amended by adding a
10 new Code section to read as follows:

11 "20-2-778.1.

12 Beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, each public school shall annually provide to
13 each parent or guardian of a student who is entering sixth grade in such school information
14 on the availability of vaccination against human papillomavirus as recommended by the
15 Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the federal Centers for Disease Control
16 and Prevention. Such information shall be approved by the Department of Public Health
17 for dissemination by the Department of Education. The information shall include, at a
18 minimum, the connection between human papillomavirus and cervical cancer as well as
19 other cancers and diseases. The information shall also notify the parent or guardian that
20 a vaccine is available to help prevent human papillomavirus infection and that the advisory
21 committee recommends that the vaccination process be completed before the student enters
22 seventh grade."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.