

House Bill 882

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to other educational programs relative to the "Quality Basic Education  
3 Act," so as to provide that the State Board of Education shall incorporate into rape prevention  
4 and personal safety education programs a program for preventing teen dating violence, the  
5 Love Is Not Abuse Curriculum; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and  
6 for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 WHEREAS, since 2004, Liz Claiborne has been a major supporter of intimate partner  
10 violence education and has been providing resources to teachers and students on teen dating  
11 abuse and violence awareness and prevention; and

12 WHEREAS, through its "Love Is Not Abuse" campaign, Liz Claiborne provides information  
13 and tools that men, women, children, and teens can use to learn about the issue of domestic  
14 violence and ways to help end the epidemic; and

15 WHEREAS, the Love Is Not Abuse Curriculum is a step-by-step guide to teaching high  
16 school students about the issue of dating violence; using literature and poetry, this program  
17 provides teachers with the tools to teach about this sensitive subject and is intended to be  
18 taught in either Health or English/Language Arts classes; and

19 WHEREAS, our goals are to distribute this curriculum across all U.S. states and territories  
20 and educate as many teenagers on this issue as possible; with the help of the Family, Career  
21 and Community Leaders of America, Inc., a nonprofit national career and technical student  
22 organization for young men and women in family and consumer sciences education in public

23 and private schools through grade 12, and other partners, over 1,400 schools across 50 states  
24 and the District of Columbia will have taught the curriculum by February, 2009; and

25 WHEREAS, as of February, 2009, 76 Georgia schools offered the Love Is Not Abuse  
26 Curriculum.

27 **SECTION 2.**

28 Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
29 relating to other educational programs relative to the "Quality Basic Education Act," is  
30 amended by revising Code Section 20-2-314, relating to development of rape prevention,  
31 personal safety education, and teen dating violence prevention programs, as follows:

32 "20-2-314.

33 The State Board of Education shall develop, with input from appropriate experts, such as  
34 rape crisis centers and family violence shelters, a rape prevention and personal safety  
35 education program and a program for preventing teen dating violence for grade eight  
36 through grade 12 which are consistent with the core curriculum provided for in Code  
37 Section 20-2-140. The State Board of Education shall incorporate into such programs the  
38 Love Is Not Abuse Curriculum. Local boards may implement such programs at any time  
39 and for any grade level local boards find appropriate, and the state board shall encourage  
40 the implementation of such programs. In addition, the state board shall make information  
41 regarding such programs available to the Board of Regents of the University System of  
42 Georgia."

43 **SECTION 3.**

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