

House Bill 886

By: Representatives Caldwell of the 20th, Turner of the 21st, Ramsey of the 72nd, Dudgeon of the 25th, Morgan of the 39th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 elementary and secondary education, so as to provide that each local board of education and
3 each charter school shall hold at least two public hearings on the proposed budget; to provide
4 that each proposed budget and each adopted budget shall be posted on the Internet; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and
9 secondary education, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

10 "20-2-66.1.

11 (a) Each local board of education shall hold at least two public hearings on the proposed
12 annual budget before adopting the budget. Such hearings shall be held as provided in
13 Chapter 14 of Title 50, relating to open and public meetings.

14 (b) Each proposed budget and each adopted annual budget shall be posted on the board's
15 website. The final adopted annual budget shall be posted on the board's website and
16 maintained until the next annual budget is adopted."

17 **SECTION 2.**

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

19 "20-2-2072.

20 (a) Each charter school shall hold at least two public hearings on the proposed annual
21 budget before adopting the budget. Such hearings shall be held as provided in Chapter 14
22 of Title 50, relating to open and public meetings.

23 (b) Each proposed budget and each adopted annual budget shall be posted on the school's
24 website. The final adopted annual budget shall be posted on the school's website and
25 maintained until the next annual budget is adopted.

26 (c) The provisions of this Code section shall apply to individual charter schools and not
27 to any general charter corporation."

28 **SECTION 3.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.