

House Bill 914

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to child abuse and deprivation records, so as to provide that school personnel who  
3 are required to report child abuse shall be notified by the department or governmental child  
4 protective agency upon receipt of such report and upon completion of its investigation; 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 Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to child  
9 abuse and deprivation records, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section  
10 49-5-41, relating to persons and agencies permitted access to records, by adding a new  
11 paragraph to read as follows:

12 "(5.1) Any adult who makes a report of suspected child abuse as required by Code  
13 Section 19-7-5 in his or her capacity as a school teacher, school administrator, school  
14 counselor, or other school personnel, but such access shall include only notification  
15 regarding the child concerning whom the report was made, shall disclose only whether  
16 the investigation by the department or governmental child protective agency of the  
17 reported abuse is ongoing or completed and, if completed, whether child abuse was  
18 confirmed or unconfirmed. The department or governmental child protective agency  
19 shall respond to the person making the report within 24 hours of such report advising that  
20 the report was received and shall report to such person upon the completion of the  
21 investigation advising whether the abuse was confirmed or unconfirmed;"

22 **SECTION 2**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.