

The House Committee on Education offers the following substitute to HB 886:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 general provisions relative to education, so as to provide that each local board of education  
3 and each charter school shall hold at least two public hearings on the proposed budget; to  
4 provide that a summary of each proposed budget and each adopted budget shall be posted  
5 on the Internet; to provide that the full line item detailed budget shall be made available upon  
6 request; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 1 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general  
10 provisions relative to education, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

11 "20-1-28.

12 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

13 (1) 'Governing body' means the board, governing council, governing board, or other  
14 entity by whatever name responsible for creating and implementing the budget of a local  
15 education agency.

16 (2) 'Local education agency' means any local school system and any charter school  
17 subject to the provisions of Chapter 2 of this title.

18 (b) Each governing body shall hold at least two public hearings on the proposed annual  
19 budget before adopting the budget; provided, however, that any other public budget hearing  
20 held as required by law shall satisfy all or a portion of such requirement. The governing  
21 body of a charter school with a state-wide attendance zone shall conduct one such public  
22 hearing in the county in which its primary business office is located and one such public  
23 hearing in the metropolitan Atlanta area. Such hearings shall be held as provided in  
24 Chapter 14 of Title 50, relating to open and public meetings.

25 (c) A summary of each proposed budget and each adopted annual budget shall be posted  
26 on a publicly available area of such governing body's website. A summary of the final

27 adopted annual budget shall be posted on a publicly available area of such governing  
28 body's website and maintained until the next annual budget is adopted.

29 (d) Each governing body shall provide to any person an electronic copy of the full line  
30 item detailed budget in a format suitable for analysis at no cost within three days upon  
31 request, and the summary of the budget required by subsection (c) of this Code section  
32 shall give notice of that right.

33 (e) The provisions of this Code section shall not apply to any general charter corporation."

34 **SECTION 2.**

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