

The House Committee on Juvenile Justice offers the following substitute to HB 914:

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 certain school personnel  
3 who are required to report child abuse shall be notified by the department or governmental  
4 child protective agency upon receipt of such report and upon completion of its investigation;  
5 to 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) Within 24 hours of a school employee making a report of suspected child abuse  
13 pursuant to Code Section 19-7-5, the department or governmental child protective agency  
14 that received such report shall acknowledge, in writing, the receipt of such report to the  
15 reporting individual. Within five days of completing the investigation of the suspected  
16 child abuse, the department or governmental child protective agency shall disclose, in  
17 writing, to the school counselor for the school such child was attending at the time of the  
18 reported child abuse, advising as to whether the suspected child abuse was confirmed or  
19 unconfirmed. If a school does not have a school counselor, such disclosure shall be made  
20 to the principal;"

21 **SECTION 2**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.