

House Bill 52

By: Representatives Quick of the 117th, Caldwell of the 131st, Jones of the 62nd, Oliver of the 82nd, Weldon of the 3rd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 19-9-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 parenting plans, so as to change provisions requiring parenting plans to be incorporated into
3 final orders involving the custody of a child; to provide for related matters; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 19-9-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to parenting plans,
8 is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

9 "(a) Except when a parent seeks emergency relief for family violence pursuant to Code
10 Section 19-13-3 or 19-13-4, in all cases in which the custody of any child is at issue
11 between the parents, each parent shall prepare a parenting plan or the parties may jointly
12 submit a parenting plan. It shall be in the ~~judge's~~ court's discretion as to when a party shall
13 be required to submit a parenting plan to the ~~judge~~ court. A parenting plan shall be
14 required for permanent custody and modification actions and in the ~~judge's~~ court's
15 discretion may be required for temporary hearings. Unless otherwise ordered by the court,
16 the final order ~~The final decree~~ in any legal action involving the custody of a child,
17 including modification actions, shall incorporate a permanent parenting plan."

18 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.