

The House Committee on Education offers the following substitute to HB 209:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 33 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to the "Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Act," so as to revise provisions relating
3 to notification of parents of eligible students as to scholarship options; to provide for related
4 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 33 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
8 "Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Act," is amended revising subsection (a) of Code
9 Section 20-2-2113, relating to annual notification of options available to parents of special
10 needs students, as follows:

11 "(a) The resident school system shall provide specific written notice of the options
12 available under this article to the parent at the initial Individualized Education Program
13 (IEP) meeting in which a disability of the parent's child is identified. The Thereafter, the
14 resident school system shall annually notify prior to the beginning of each school year the
15 parent of a student with a disability by letter, electronic means, or by such other reasonable
16 means in a timely manner of the options available to the parent under this article provide
17 notice of the options available under this article to the parents at all subsequent
18 Individualized Education Program meetings. "

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.