

House Bill 829

By: Representatives Sharper of the 177th, Dawkins-Haigler of the 91st, Bentley of the 139th,
and Scott of the 76th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Subpart 2 of Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of
2 Georgia Annotated, relating to compulsory attendance, so as to require that the whereabouts
3 of a student are investigated when such student's whereabouts become unknown following
4 a change of classes; to provide for policy promulgation; to provide for related matters; to
5 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Subpart 2 of Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
9 Annotated, relating to compulsory attendance, is amended by revising Code Section
10 20-2-702, which was previously reserved, as follows:

11 "20-2-702.

12 (a) For each public school where students change classes, the teacher in whose class such
13 students have changed into shall, within five minutes of the commencement of such class,
14 make an accounting of the presence for each student whose name appears on such class
15 roll. Such teacher shall immediately report to the principal, or to the principal's designee,
16 the name of any student who is not present in such class. Such principal, or such principal's
17 designee, shall immediately investigate and pursue the whereabouts of any such student
18 who has been reported absent from any such class, who has previously been determined
19 to be present at school on the day in question, and who has not been granted an early
20 dismissal from school on the day in question.

21 (b) Each local board of education shall adopt policies to carry out the purposes of this
22 Code section. Reserved."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.