

House Bill 555 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Chandler of the 105th, Taylor of the 173rd, Cantrell of the 22nd, Setzler of the 35th, Clark of the 101st, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to
2 provide for the reporting of certain statistics regarding juveniles seeking abortions without
3 parental notice; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
4 purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

7 Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended by revising
8 Code Section 15-11-64, relating to collection of information by juvenile court clerks, by
9 designating the existing text as subsection (a) and adding a new subsection to read as
10 follows:

11 "(b) Each clerk of the juvenile court shall report to the Administrative Office of the Courts
12 the total number of petitions or motions filed under subsection (b) of Code
13 Section 15-11-682 for the previous calendar year and, of that number, the number in which
14 the court appointed a guardian ad litem, the number in which the court appointed counsel,
15 the number in which the judge issued an order authorizing an abortion without notification,
16 the number in which the judge denied such an order, and, of the last, the number of denials
17 from which an appeal was filed, the number of appeals that resulted in denials being
18 affirmed, and the number of appeals that resulted in reversals of such denials. Each clerk
19 shall make such report by February 28 of each year for the previous calendar year. The
20 individual reports made to the Administrative Office of the Courts shall be held
21 confidential and not subject to disclosure under Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50, relating
22 to open records. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide aggregated
23 statistics only in accordance with subsection (g) of Code Section 16-12-141.1. Such
24 individual reports shall be destroyed six months after submission to the Administrative
25 Office of the Courts."

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SECTION 2.

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.