

House Bill 777 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Dudgeon of the 25th, Coleman of the 97th, and Parsons of the 44th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-6-165 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 operation of school buses, so as to allow school bus drivers to use cellular telephones in a
3 similar manner as a two-way radio; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;
4 and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Code Section 40-6-165 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to operation of
8 school buses, is amended by revising subsection (e) as follows:

9 "(e) The driver of a school bus shall not use or operate a cellular telephone while the bus
10 is in motion, unless it is being used in a similar manner as a two-way radio to allow live
11 communication between the driver and school officials or public safety officials and in
12 accordance with the provisions of paragraph (2) of subsection (b) and of subsection (c) of
13 Code Section 40-6-241.2."

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

15 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.