

Senate Bill 409

By: Senators VanNess of the 43rd, Shafer of the 48th, Unterman of the 45th, Rhett of the 33rd, Stone of the 23rd and others

**AS PASSED SENATE**

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT**

1 To amend Part 15 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to miscellaneous provisions under the "Quality Basic Education Act,"  
3 so as to require every public school to post a sign containing the toll-free telephone number  
4 operated by the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human  
5 Services to receive reports of child abuse or neglect; to provide that no cause of action is  
6 created; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Part 15 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
10 relating to miscellaneous provisions under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended  
11 by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

12 "20-2-324.2.

13 (a) Each public school, including all local charter schools and state charter schools, shall  
14 post in a clearly visible location in a public area of the school that is readily accessible to  
15 students a sign in English and other such languages as may be determined by the local  
16 board of education that contains the toll-free telephone number operated by the Division  
17 of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services to receive reports  
18 of child abuse or neglect 24 hours per day and seven days per week.

19 (b) The State Board of Education may adopt rules and regulations relating to the size and  
20 location of the sign required by subsection (a) of this Code section.

21 (c) No person shall have a cause of action for any loss or damage caused by any act or  
22 omission resulting from posting, or the lack of posting, a sign pursuant to this Code  
23 section."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.