

The House Committee on Judiciary offers the following substitute to SB 275:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 general provisions regarding counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental  
3 entities, so as to provide that a local board of education shall not adopt or follow any code  
4 of ethics which prevents the members of the board from discussing freely the policies and  
5 actions of such board outside of a board meeting; to provide for exceptions; to provide for  
6 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 SECTION 1.

9 Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general  
10 provisions regarding counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities, is  
11 amended by revising Code Section 36-80-1, which was previously reserved, as follows:

12 "36-80-1.

13 A local board of education shall not adopt or follow any code of ethics which prevents the  
14 members of such board from discussing freely the policies and actions of such board  
15 outside of a board meeting. This Code section shall not apply to any matter or matters  
16 discussed in executive session as defined in subsection (a) of Code Section 50-14-1 or  
17 which are exempt from disclosure under Code Section 50-18-72. Reserved."

18 SECTION 2.

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.