

Senate Bill 275

By: Senators Williams of the 27th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Burke of the 11th, Gooch of the 51st, Martin of the 9th and others

AS PASSED

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19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.