

House Bill 29

By: Representative Mitchell of the 88<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to local boards of education, so as to prohibit local boards of education from seeking  
3 or maintaining accreditation by an accrediting entity which does not make its records relating  
4 to sanctions it imposes open for inspection and copying; to provide for related matters; to  
5 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local  
9 boards of education, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

10 "20-2-75.

11 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'accrediting entity' means an external body  
12 which evaluates the services and operations of local boards of education to determine if  
13 certain educational standards are met.

14 (b) No local board of education which receives state funding shall seek or maintain  
15 accreditation by an accrediting entity unless such entity, upon the imposition of sanctions  
16 on or the withholding of accreditation of a local school system or a school, makes records  
17 relating to such sanctions or withholding of accreditation open for personal inspection and  
18 copying in the same manner as in Chapter 18 of Title 50, relating to open records."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.