

House Bill 655

By: Representatives Williams of the 145th, Chandler of the 105th, Epps of the 144th, Hill of the 3rd, Bonner of the 72nd, and others

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 for rules and regulations; to
6 provide that no cause of action is created; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
7 laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

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

13 "20-2-324.4.

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

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

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

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SECTION 2.

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.