

Senate Bill 457

By: Senator Tate of the 38th

AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-1185 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 school safety plans, so as to require every public school and private school to conduct drills
3 on the execution of school safety plans based upon guidance from the Georgia Emergency
4 Management and Homeland Security Agency; to provide for related matters; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 20-2-1185 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to school safety
9 plans, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

10 (a) Every public school shall prepare a school safety plan to help curb the growing
11 incidence of violence in schools, to respond effectively to such incidents, and to provide
12 a safe learning environment for Georgia's children, teachers, and other school personnel.
13 Such plan shall also address preparedness for natural disasters, hazardous materials or
14 radiological accidents, acts of violence, and acts of terrorism. School safety plans of public
15 schools shall be prepared with input from students enrolled in that school, parents or legal
16 guardians of such students, teachers in that school, community leaders, other school
17 employees and school district employees, and local law enforcement, fire service, public
18 safety, and emergency management agencies. School safety plans of private schools may
19 be prepared with input from students enrolled in that school, parents or legal guardians of
20 such students, teachers in that school, other school employees, and local law enforcement,
21 fire service, public safety, and emergency management agencies. Such plans shall be
22 reviewed and, if necessary, updated annually. Such plans of public schools shall be
23 submitted to the local emergency management agency. Every public school and private
24 school shall conduct drills with students, teachers, and other school personnel on the
25 execution of such school safety plans in such form and at such intervals based upon
26 guidance from the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency."

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SECTION 2.

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.