

House Resolution 1472

By: Representatives Gurtler of the 8th, Clark of the 147th, Cooke of the 18th, Ridley of the 6th, Gravley of the 67th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging all local boards of education to implement the provisions of Georgia law regarding
2 the arming of school personnel; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, while the loss of any life is troubling, the loss of the lives of innocent
4 schoolchildren is a particular cause for concern and sadness; and

5 WHEREAS, school shootings and how to prevent them are once again a major topic of
6 discussion among our citizens; and

7 WHEREAS, the General Assembly enacted House Bill 60 in 2014 to attempt to deal with
8 these situations in recognition that sometimes the best way to stop a bad person with a gun
9 is a good person with a gun; and

10 WHEREAS, House Bill 60 authorized local boards of education to authorize their personnel
11 to possess and carry firearms in school safety zones, at school functions, and on school
12 transportation in order to protect students and other personnel of the school; and

13 WHEREAS, at this time, it does not appear that any local board of education has taken
14 advantage of these means of protecting their students; and

15 WHEREAS, the members of this body feel strongly that the presence of or even the prospect
16 of encountering armed personnel at a school would serve to deter many who would seek to
17 do harm to schoolchildren.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body urge all local boards of education to implement the provisions of
20 House Bill 60 and arm their personnel to deter persons from attempting to do violence to our
21 children.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
23 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
24 public, the press, and each local board of education in this state.