

House Bill 984

By: Representatives Camp of the 135th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Gullett of the 19th, Burchett of the 176th, Townsend of the 179th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes
2 against the person, so as to provide for a court order to locate an alleged victim of child or
3 elder abuse; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 SECTION 1.

6 Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes against
7 the person, is amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 16-5-70, relating to
8 cruelty to children, to read as follows:

9 "(f) Where there is an open investigation relating to an alleged offense in violation of this
10 Code section, and the child is moved from a known address to an unknown location, the
11 court may grant an order to locate the parent or guardian of record if an inquiry of the
12 welfare and safety of the child is necessary to complete such investigation."

13 **SECTION 2.**

14 Said chapter is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 16-5-102,
15 relating to exploitation and intimidation of disabled adults, elder persons, and residents, and
16 obstruction of investigation, to read as follows:

17 "(d) Where there is an open investigation relating to an alleged offense in violation of this
18 Code section, and the disabled adult, elder person, or resident is moved from a known
19 address to an unknown location, the court may grant an order to locate the guardian of
20 record if an inquiry of the welfare and safety of the disabled adult, elder person, or resident
21 is necessary to complete such investigation."

22 **SECTION 3.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.