

The House Committee on Judiciary, Non Civil offers the following substitute to HB 984:

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 style="text-align:center">**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 superior court for the county of the known address may grant an order to locate the parent
12 or guardian of record upon a showing by a law enforcement official an inquiry regarding
13 the welfare and safety of the child is necessary to complete such investigation."

14 **SECTION 2.**

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

18 "(d) Where there is an open investigation relating to an alleged offense in violation of this
19 Code section, and the disabled adult, elder person, or resident is moved from a known
20 address to an unknown location, the superior court for the county of the known address
21 may grant an order to locate the guardian of record upon a showing by a law enforcement
22 official an inquiry regarding the welfare and safety of the disabled adult, elder person, or
23 resident is necessary to complete such investigation."

24 **SECTION 3.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.