

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to HB 272:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 Juvenile Code, so as to establish an implementation study committee; to provide for the
3 powers, composition, and appointment of such committee; to provide for reporting; to
4 provide for automatic repeal; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters;
5 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Juvenile
9 Code, is amended in Article 1, relating to general provisions, by adding a new Code section
10 to read as follows:

11 "15-11-42.

12 (a) There shall be established an implementation study committee that shall consist of
13 eleven members with the chairpersons of the House Committee on Juvenile Justice and the
14 Senate Judiciary Committee serving as the chairpersons of such committee. Members of
15 such committee shall include:

16 (1) The commissioner of the Department of Juvenile Justice or his or her designee;

17 (2) The president of the Georgia Sheriffs' Association or his or her designee;

18 (3) The executive director of the Georgia Sheriffs' Association or his or her designee;

19 (4) The executive director of the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia
20 or his or her designee;

21 (5) The executive director of the Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers or
22 his or her designee;

23 (6) The executive director of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council or his or her
24 designee;

25 (6) The director of the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget;

26 (8) The president of the Council of Juvenile Court Judges or his or her designee; and

27 (9) The executive director of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia or his
28 or her designee.

29 (b) The committee may confer with any appropriate subject matter experts, state agencies
30 and advisory members to the committees as selected by the chair, including the president
31 of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, the executive director of the Georgia Public
32 Safety Training Center, the president of the Georgia Association of Juvenile Court Clerks,
33 attorneys who regularly practice in the juvenile courts, and advocates for children and
34 youth, on matters relating to studying the implementation of raising the juvenile age,
35 including equipment, security, and technological aspects in connection to raising the age
36 of juvenile offenders regarding:

37 (1) Standards and practices of other jurisdictions;

38 (2) The most recent standards promulgated by national standard-setting bodies; and

39 (3) The views of interested persons, government officials, and entities.

40 (c) The committee shall commence no later than May 15, 2022, and shall stand abolished
41 on December 31, 2024.

42 (d) The committee shall provide a detailed written report including all the necessary
43 operational and statutory changes required to include 17 year old children in the juvenile

44 justice system, including cost estimates for capital outlay, operating expenses, and staffing
45 needs, for each part of the implementation plan. The report shall also include the estimated
46 time required for such proposed implementation, as well as any other data, reports,
47 statistical information, and other facts and figures necessary for the successful
48 implementation of such policy.

49 (e) This Code Section shall stand repealed in its entirety on January 1, 2025."

50 **SECTION 2.**

51 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
52 without such approval.

53 **SECTION 3.**

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