

ADOPTED

Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Dixon of the 45th, Still of the 48th, Echols of the 49th, Payne of the 54th and others offered the following amendment:

1 *Amend HB 340 (LC 49 1385S) by renumbering Sections 1 and 2 as Sections 2 and 3,*
 2 *respectively, and by replacing lines 1 through 3 with the following:*

3 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
 4 elementary and secondary education, so as to prohibit the discussion of certain personnel
 5 matters; to provide for planning periods for teachers in kindergarten

6 *By inserting after line 6 the following:*

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating elementary and
 9 secondary education, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-61, relating
 10 to fundamental roles of local boards of education and local school superintendents, as
 11 follows:

12 "(a) The fundamental role of a local board of education shall be to establish policy for the
 13 local school system with the focus on student achievement. The fundamental role of a
 14 local school superintendent shall be to implement the policy established by the local board.
 15 It shall not be the role of the local board of education or individual members of such board
 16 to micromanage the superintendent in executing his or her duties, but it shall be the duty
 17 of the local board to hold the local school superintendent accountable in the performance
 18 of his or her duties; provided, however, that requesting and reviewing financial data and
 19 documents shall not constitute micromanaging. No individual member shall discuss any
 20 individual personnel matter with the superintendent or other school personnel except as
 21 provided for in Code Section 20-2-943, Code Section 20-2-989.7, Code Section

22 20-2-989.8, Code Section 20-2-1160, Code Section 50-14-3, or Code Section 50-14-4 or
23 as otherwise authorized by law; provided, however, that the mere referral of a personnel
24 matter to the superintendent shall not be prohibited. Local board of education members
25 should work together with the entire local board of education and shall not have authority
26 as independent elected officials but shall only be authorized to take official action as
27 members of the board as a whole. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to alter,
28 limit, expand, or enlarge any powers, duties, or responsibilities of local boards of
29 education, local board members, or local school superintendents."

30 *By replacing lines 8 and 9 with "Said chapter is further".*