

Senate Bill 335

By: Senators Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Strickland of the 17th, Dixon of the 45th and others

AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 16-6-22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 incest, so as to expressly include relationship by adoption; to provide for a short title; to
3 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 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Safeguarding Adopted Children from
7 Sexual Violence Act."

8 **SECTION 2.**

9 Code Section 16-6-22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to incest, is
10 amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

11 "(a) A person commits the offense of incest when such person engages in sexual
12 intercourse or sodomy, as such term is defined in Code Section 16-6-2, with a person
13 whom he or she knows he or she is related to ~~either~~ by blood, by adoption, or by marriage
14 as follows:

15 (1) Father and child or stepchild;

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- 16 (2) Mother and child or stepchild;
- 17 (3) Siblings of the whole blood or of the half blood or by virtue of adoption;
- 18 (4) Grandparent and grandchild of the whole blood or of the half blood or by virtue of
19 adoption;
- 20 (5) Aunt and niece or nephew of the whole blood or of the half blood or by virtue of
21 adoption; or
- 22 (6) Uncle and niece or nephew of the whole blood or of the half blood or by virtue of
23 adoption."

24 **SECTION 3.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.