

Senate Bill 54

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Jones II of the 22nd, Sims of the 12th, Lucas of the 26th,  
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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to state board of education, so as to require the establishment of a program and  
3 state-wide database by the State Board of Education relating to threats to safety made on or  
4 impacting school campuses; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state  
9 board of education, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

10 "20-2-20.1.

11 (a) No later than July 1, 2026, the State Board of Education shall establish an emergency  
12 alert response system to be provided to public elementary and secondary schools in this  
13 state that allows:

14 (1) School administration to notify law enforcement of threats made on or impacting a  
15 school campus;

16 (2) School administration to notify local emergency first responders of an active threat  
17 to safety upon a school campus; and

18 (3) A public elementary or secondary school to communicate with neighboring local  
19 school systems about threats made on or impacting a school campus or emergency  
20 procedures initiated upon a school campus due to an active threat to safety.

21 (b) No later than July 1, 2027, the State Board of Education shall establish a secure  
22 state-wide database for use by public elementary and secondary schools in this state to  
23 report and monitor incidents of safety threats made on or impacting a school campus. The  
24 name of any person who threatens the safety of a school shall be included in such database;  
25 provided, however, that no student shall be entered on any such database until the threat  
26 to school safety has been investigated and verified by local law enforcement and the  
27 student has been evaluated by a certificated school social worker from the local school  
28 system, if any are employed by the school system. The State Board of Education shall  
29 develop standards for determining when a verified threat qualifies for inclusion of a person  
30 within the database and a method for petitioning for removal from any database developed  
31 pursuant to this subsection. Any such removal standards shall include a required  
32 evaluation of the student by a certified school social worker. Such database shall be  
33 accessible only to designated personnel at each public elementary or secondary school in  
34 this state. When a student has been added to the database established pursuant to this  
35 subsection, the local school system shall provide the parents or guardians of the student  
36 with recommendations for counseling services and provide the student with available  
37 specialized mental health services while in school.

38 (c) The State Board of Education shall be authorized to consult with the Georgia  
39 Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, the Georgia Bureau of  
40 Investigation, and local boards of education and other elementary and secondary school  
41 governing bodies for purposes of this Code section."

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**SECTION 2.**

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