

House Bill 198

By: Representatives Chastain of the 7th, Efstrotation of the 104th, Erwin of the 32nd, Jasperse of the 11th, Gunter of the 8th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for the use of school facilities by
3 certain youth groups; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and
8 secondary education, is amended by revising Code Section 20-2-12, which is reserved, as
9 follows:

10 "20-2-12.

11 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'patriotic society' means a youth group listed in
12 Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society, including the Boy Scouts of
13 America and its affiliated Georgia groups and councils and the Girl Scouts of the United
14 States of America and its affiliated Georgia groups and councils.

15 (b) To encourage schools to facilitate access for students to participate in activities
16 provided by a patriotic society for the purposes of encouraging civic education, each school

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17 principal that uses state funds to implement programs pursuant to this chapter shall not
18 prohibit the use of school facilities to a patriotic society. When a school principal denies
19 access to a patriotic society, such school principal shall provide in writing reasons for the
20 denial to a requesting entity. Reserved."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.