

House Bill 336

By: Representatives Crawford of the 89th, Bennett of the 94th, Howard of the 129th, Au of the 50th, Willis of the 55th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, so as to require
3 local school systems to provide certain information to parents and guardians of students in
4 grades six through 12 on sickle cell disease whenever other health information is provided;
5 to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
9 relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, is amended by adding a
10 new Code section to read as follows:

11 "20-2-771.3.

12 (a) If a local board of education provides information on immunizations, infectious
13 diseases, medications, or other school health issues to parents and guardians of students in
14 grades six through 12, then the following information about sickle cell disease shall be
15 included:

16 (1) A description of sickle cell disease;

- 17 (2) A description of the risk factors and warning signs associated with sickle cell disease;
18 (3) A recommendation to the parent or guardian of those students displaying warning
19 signs associated with sickle cell disease that such parent or guardian consult with the
20 student's primary care provider to determine if immediate screening for sickle cell disease
21 is appropriate;
22 (4) A description of the screening processes for sickle cell disease; and
23 (5) A recommendation that, following a sickle cell disease diagnosis, the parent or
24 guardian consult with the student's primary care provider to develop an appropriate
25 treatment plan.
26 (b) The Department of Education, in cooperation with the Department of Public Health,
27 shall develop and make available the information about sickle cell disease to local school
28 systems as required under subsection (a) of this Code section in an efficient manner that
29 shall include posting the information on its public website."

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SECTION 2.

31 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.