

Senate Bill 263

By: Senators Mallow of the 2nd, Sims of the 12th, Kemp of the 38th, Payne of the 54th and Parent of the 44th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-8-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to law
2 enforcement powers of school security personnel in each public school system of the state,
3 certification, and carrying of firearms or weapons, so as to expand jurisdictional authority
4 of certain law enforcement officers to include a specified area surrounding school property;
5 to provide for a conforming change; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;
6 and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 20-8-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to law enforcement
10 powers of school security personnel in each public school system of the state, certification,
11 and carrying of firearms or weapons, is amended by revising subsections (a) and (c) as
12 follows:

13 "(a) In each ~~public~~ local school system in this state, school security personnel employed
14 by the local board of education ~~of a county or an independent board of education of a~~
15 ~~municipality for the various public schools thereof~~ who are certified pursuant to
16 subsection (b) of this Code section and who are authorized by ~~the~~ such local board of

17 education of that county or the independent board of education of that municipality shall
18 have the same law enforcement powers on school property and on public or private
19 property within five miles of school property, including the power of arrest, as law
20 enforcement officers of that respective the county or municipality in which the local school
21 system is located."

22 "(c) The provisions of this Code section shall not prohibit a local board of education of a
23 ~~county or an independent board of education of a municipality~~ from employing school
24 security personnel without law enforcement powers."

25 **SECTION 2.**

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.