

House Bill 1023

By: Representatives Efration of the 104th, Burns of the 159th, Erwin of the 32nd, Hatchett of the 155th, Persinger of the 119th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 27 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to loitering at or disrupting schools, so as to require local boards of education and
3 other public school governing bodies to utilize weapon detection systems to aid in the
4 prevention of any individual attempting to unlawfully possess or carry a weapon in certain
5 school buildings; to provide for exceptions; to authorize the use of funding; to provide for
6 a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 27 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
10 loitering at or disrupting schools, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as
11 follows:

12 "20-2-1187.

13 (a) As used in this Code section the term 'weapon detection system' means a security
14 technology or integrated set of devices designed to detect, through electronic, visual, or
15 analytical means the presence of weapons, including, but not limited to, firearms and
16 hazardous objects, as such terms are defined in Code Section 20-2-751. Such system shall

17 be capable of detecting the presence of weapons irrespective of whether such weapons are
18 carried by or otherwise in the possession or control of an individual.

19 (b) Each local board of education and other public school governing body shall utilize one
20 or more weapon detection systems to aid in the prevention of any individual attempting to
21 unlawfully possess or carry a weapon in any building that is owned by or leased to a local
22 board of education or other public school governing body where students are present in
23 accordance with routine school operations and procedures. A weapon detection system
24 shall, at a minimum, be utilized at all main points of entry to such buildings, as provided
25 in school safety plans required under Code Section 20-2-1185; provided, however, that a
26 weapon detection system shall not be required for any point of entry to such buildings that
27 remain locked, are equipped with alarms, and are not intended for student use or are
28 intended for student use only on an emergency basis.

29 (c) Each local board of education and other public school governing body shall be
30 authorized to use available grants and other funding to meet the requirements of this Code
31 section."

32 **SECTION 2.**

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