

Senate Bill 466

By: Senators Bearden of the 30th and Albers of the 56th

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 the local board of education or
3 other governing body of each public and private elementary and secondary school in this
4 state to install key boxes at each school building in locations determined in collaboration
5 with local law enforcement and emergency management agencies, contingent upon funding;
6 to provide for the purpose, content, and minimum standards of such key boxes; to provide
7 for policies and procedures; to provide for immunity from civil liability; to provide for
8 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

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

14 "20-2-1187.

15 (a) Subject to appropriations by the General Assembly, the local board of education or
16 other governing body of each public and private elementary and secondary school in this

17 state shall provide for the installation at each school building of at least one exterior key
18 box that meets or exceeds Underwriters Laboratories Standard 1037.

19 (b) Each key box required by subsection (a) of this Code section shall:

20 (1) Be installed at an appropriate location for permitting local law enforcement officers
21 and emergency management personnel emergency access to such building, the precise
22 location of which shall be determined by such local board of education or other governing
23 body in collaboration with local law enforcement agencies and local emergency
24 management agencies of the jurisdiction in which such school building is located; and

25 (2) Contain such keys and other access control devices as are necessary to access each
26 building and room located on the entire school grounds.

27 (c) The local board of education or other governing body of each public and private
28 elementary and secondary school in this state shall adopt such policies and procedures as
29 are necessary to implement the provisions of this Code section.

30 (d)(1) Local boards of education, other public and private school governing bodies, local
31 school systems, other public and private schools, and local governments and agencies
32 shall be immune from civil liability for any damages arising out of the installation and
33 use of key boxes required by subsection (a) of this Code section.

34 (2) Employees of local boards of education, other public and private school governing
35 bodies, local school systems, other public and private schools, and local governments and
36 agencies shall be immune from civil liability for any damages arising out of the
37 installation and use of key boxes required by subsection (a) of this Code section unless
38 it is shown that such employee acted with gross negligence or bad faith."

39 **SECTION 2.**

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