

Senate Bill 537

By: Senators Harbin of the 16th, Payne of the 54th, Still of the 48th, Williams of the 25th, Hickman of the 4th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions relative to education, so as to prohibit schools that receive state
3 funds from displaying any flag other than the flag of the United States or the flag, coat of
4 arms, or state emblem of the State of Georgia; to make it unlawful for any individual to
5 display or cause to be displayed a flag subject to such prohibition; to provide for related
6 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
10 general provisions relative to education, is amended by adding a new Code section to read
11 as follows:

12 "20-1-13.

13 (a) Each elementary, secondary, and postsecondary school in this state which receives in
14 any manner funds from the state shall be prohibited from displaying, in any manner, at any
15 time, and at any place in any facility owned, leased, or operated by such school for

16 educational purposes, a flag other than the flag of the United States or the flag, coat of
17 arms, or state emblem of the State of Georgia.
18 (b) It shall be unlawful for any individual to display or cause to be displayed any flag that
19 is prohibited under subsection (a) of this Code section."

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SECTION 2.

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.