

House Bill 1554

By: Representatives Sainz of the 180th, Cooper of the 43rd, Dempsey of the 13th, Mainor of the 56th, and Erwin of the 28th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 Department of Public Health, so as to require the department to conduct surveys of children
3 and youth in this state on identified core measures to promote healthy living and for use in
4 accessing applicable federal funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;
5 and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department
9 of Public Health, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

10 "31-2A-19.

11 (a) The department, in consultation with the Department of Education, shall conduct or
12 facilitate the conducting of surveys of children and youth in this state on identified core
13 measures to promote healthy living and for use in accessing applicable federal funds. Such
14 core measures may include, but shall not be limited to: (1) perception of risk/harm;
15 (2) perception of peer disapproval/approval; (3) perception of adult disapproval/approval;

16 (4) past 30 day use of substances; (5) suicide/suicidal ideation; (6) adverse childhood
17 experiences; (7) food insecurity; and (8) other core measures identified by the department.
18 (b) The surveys provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section shall be confidential
19 and any data resulting from such surveys shall include only de-identified data. Data from
20 such surveys may be provided to programs and coalitions that promote healthy living for
21 children and youth for purposes of accessing applicable federal funds."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.