

House Bill 156 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Dubnik of the 29th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Cox of the 28th, and McCollum of the 30th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for districts for the election of the Board of Education of Hall
2 County, approved March 29, 1983 (Ga. L. 1983, p. 4553), as amended, so as to provide that
3 the boundaries of the Hall County school district are not changed by annexations undertaken
4 by the City of Buford unless expressly approved in a separate local Act of the General
5 Assembly or by intergovernmental agreement; to provide for intergovernmental agreements;
6 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 An Act providing for districts for the election of the Board of Education of Hall County,
10 approved March 29, 1983 (Ga. L. 1983, p. 4553), as amended, is amended by adding a new
11 section to read as follows:

12 "SECTION 1.1.

13 (a) When the corporate limits of the City of Buford are extended by annexation into the
14 boundaries of the Hall County school district, regardless of the method of annexation, the
15 boundaries of the City of Buford school system operating in said municipality shall not be
16 extended to be coextensive therewith except as authorized by this section.

17 (b) The boundaries of the City of Buford school system shall be extended only by the
18 adoption of a local Act of the General Assembly following the annexation or the adoption
19 of an intergovernmental agreement between the Hall County school district and the City
20 of Buford school system approving such changes. Such extension of the boundaries of the
21 City of Buford school system shall become effective on the first day of July of the year
22 following the effective date of the local Act or the agreement. The General Assembly may
23 include such other conditions in such local Act as it deems necessary.

24 (c) Nothing in this section shall prevent the Hall County school system and the City of
25 Buford school system from entering into an intergovernmental agreement regarding the
26 operation or ownership of buildings or properties in an annexed area or for attendance of
27 students outside of the school system in which they reside."

28 **SECTION 2.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.