

House Bill 527

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-261 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 common minimum facility requirements for public elementary and secondary schools under
3 the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for the inclusion of certain visual safety
4 devices in minimum facility requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 20-2-261 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to common
8 minimum facility requirements for public elementary and secondary schools under the
9 "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

10 "(a)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'state minimum standard codes' shall have the
11 same meaning as in paragraph (9) of Code Section 8-2-20.

12 (2) The State Board of Education shall establish common minimum facility requirements
13 which each public school facility must meet in order to be certified for use in any
14 component of the educational or recreational program of that school. Such minimum
15 requirements shall include those provisions of law or state board policy on matters that
16 relate to:

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- 17 (A) Fire ~~fire~~ and physical safety, including, but not limited to:
- 18 (i) Non-audio, visual displays, alarms, or other suitable devices installed at each
- 19 exterior door of a public school facility capable of clearly indicating to persons
- 20 located inside the facility within sight of such door that it is properly secured; and
- 21 (ii) Electronic message boards installed at critical locations within a public school
- 22 facility capable of displaying critical safety information to occupants of such facility;
- 23 (B) Sanitation ~~sanitation~~ and health, including temperature and ventilation;
- 24 (C) Minimum ~~minimum~~ space, size, and configuration for the various components of
- 25 the instructional program; and
- 26 (D) Construction ~~construction~~ stability, quality, and suitability for intended uses.
- 27 Such minimum requirements shall not prohibit wood construction that is otherwise in
- 28 compliance with state minimum standard codes as they existed on January 1, 2014. ~~As~~
- 29 ~~used in this subsection, the term 'state minimum standard codes' shall have the same~~
- 30 ~~meaning as in paragraph (9) of Code Section 8-2-20."~~

31 **SECTION 2.**

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