

House Bill 652

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 elementary and secondary education, so as to require public schools to disseminate through
3 multiple methods its school report card each year to the parent, guardian, conservator, or
4 other person having lawful control of each student at the school; to require public school
5 governing bodies to adopt procedures for parents to submit written requests for the
6 Professional Standards Commission to investigate certain allegations; to require the
7 Professional Standards Commission to develop and publish a model form to be used by
8 parents to request an investigation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;
9 and for other purposes.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

11 **SECTION 1.**

12 Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and
13 secondary education, is amended in Part 12 of Article 6, relating to effectiveness of
14 educational programs, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

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15 "20-2-287.
16 Each year within 30 days of its school report card being posted on the Department of
17 Education website or its local school system's website, as provided in subsection (d) of
18 Code Section 20-14-34, each public school in this state shall post such school report card
19 on such school's existing website, if such school has a website, and disseminate such school
20 report card by way of all other forms of electronic communication that such school
21 routinely uses to communicate with parents, guardians, conservators, and other persons
22 having lawful control of students at the school."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 Said chapter is further amended in Part 10 of Article 17, relating to professional standards
25 for teachers and other school personnel, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

26 "20-2-989.2.

27 (a) Each public school or local school system governing body shall provide for procedures
28 for a parent to submit to the Professional Standards Commission a written request for the
29 commission to investigate:

30 (1) Alleged violations by an educator of any law of this state pertaining to educators or
31 the profession of education;

32 (2) Alleged violations by an educator of the code of ethics of the commission;

33 (3) Alleged violations by an educator of rules, regulations, or policies of the state board
34 or the commission;

35 (4) Complaints alleging a failure by an educator to meet or comply with standards of
36 performance of the commission or the state board; or

37 (5) Complaints provided for in paragraph (5) of subsection (a) of Code Section
38 20-2-984.3.

39 (b) The Professional Standards Commission shall develop and post on its website a model
40 form for parents to use to request an investigation of any alleged violations as provided in
41 subsection (a) of this Code section."

42 **SECTION 3.**

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