

House Bill 677

By: Representatives Gunter of the 8th, Anderson of the 10th, Scoggins of the 14th, Smith of the 18th, Crowe of the 110th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to
2 provide for the exercise of law enforcement authority by certain law enforcement officers
3 involved in school related functions or activities; to provide for related matters; to provide
4 for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended in
8 Code Section 20-2-1183, relating to written agreement for law enforcement officers in
9 schools, as follows:

10 "20-2-1183.

11 When a local school system assigns or employs law enforcement officers ~~in schools to~~
12 provide law enforcement services on school property, on school vehicles, at designated
13 school bus stops, at school related functions or activities, or when providing protective
14 public safety services while accompanying students or school personnel in transit to or
15 from school related functions or activities, the local board of education shall have a
16 collaborative written agreement with law enforcement officials to establish the role of law

17 enforcement and school employees in school disciplinary matters and ensure coordination
18 and cooperation among officials, agencies, and programs involved in school discipline and
19 public protection."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 Said title is further amended in Code Section 20-8-5, relating to law enforcement powers of
22 school security personnel in each public school system of the state, certification, and carrying
23 of firearms or weapons, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

24 "(a) In each public local school system in this state, school security personnel employed
25 by the local board of education ~~of a county or an independent board of education of a~~
26 ~~municipality for the various public schools thereof~~ who are certified pursuant to
27 subsection (b) of this Code section and who are authorized by ~~the~~ such local board of
28 education ~~of that county or the independent board of education of that municipality~~ shall
29 have the same law enforcement powers on school property, on school vehicles, at
30 designated school bus stops, at school related functions or activities, or when providing
31 protective public safety services while accompanying students or school personnel in
32 transit to or from school related functions or activities, including the power of arrest, as law
33 enforcement officers of ~~that respective~~ the county or municipality in which the local school
34 system is located."

35 **SECTION 3.**

36 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
37 without such approval.

38 **SECTION 4.**

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