

House Bill 892

By: Representatives Mitchell of the 106th, Hutchinson of the 107th, Scott of the 76th, Beverly of the 143rd, Mitchell of the 88th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Subpart 1 of Part 2 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of
2 Georgia Annotated, relating to corporal punishment, so as to prohibit the use of corporal
3 punishment by school administrators, teachers, and other school personnel with any student
4 in any public school of this state; to repeal a provision relating to when and how corporal
5 punishment may be administered; to repeal a provision relating to when principal or teacher
6 not liable for administering corporal punishment; to provide for related matters; to repeal
7 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Subpart 1 of Part 2 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
11 Annotated, relating to corporal punishment, is amended by revising Code Section 20-2-730,
12 relating to policies and regulations on use of corporal punishment, as follows:

13 "20-2-730.

14 ~~All area, county, and independent boards of education shall be authorized to determine and~~
15 ~~adopt policies and regulations relating to the use of corporal punishment by school~~
16 ~~principals and teachers employed by such boards.~~ It is the policy of this state that corporal

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17 punishment shall not be administered by any school administrator, teacher, or other school
18 personnel to any student in any public school in this state."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 Said subpart is further amended by repealing Code Section 20-2-731, relating to when and
21 how corporal punishment may be administered.

22 **SECTION 3.**

23 Said subpart is further amended by repealing Code Section 20-2-732, relating to when
24 principal or teacher not liable for administering corporal punishment.

25 **SECTION 4.**

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.