

_____ offers the following
substitute to HB 1023:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 27 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to loitering at or disrupting schools, so as to require local boards of education and
3 other public school governing bodies to establish and provide for security measures to detect
4 weapons and to aid in the prevention of individuals attempting to unlawfully possess or carry
5 weapons in certain school buildings; to provide for exceptions; to authorize the use of
6 funding; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;
7 and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Article 27 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
11 loitering at or disrupting schools, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as
12 follows:

13 "20-2-1187.

14 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'weapon' shall have the same meaning as set
15 forth in Code Section 16-11-127.1.

16 (b)(1) Each local board of education and other public school governing body shall adopt
17 policies, rules, regulations, and procedures as necessary to establish and provide for
18 security measures to:

19 (A) Detect, through electronic, analytical, visual, olfactory, or other means, the
20 presence of weapons; and

21 (B) Aid in the prevention of any individual attempting to unlawfully possess or carry
22 a weapon in any permanent building that is owned by or leased to a local board of
23 education or other public school governing body where students are present in
24 accordance with routine school operations and procedures.

25 (2) Such policies, rules, regulations, and procedures shall, at a minimum, require that
26 such security measures are utilized at all main points of entry to such permanent
27 buildings, as provided in school safety plans required under Code Section 20-2-1185;
28 provided, however, that such security measures shall not be required for any point of
29 entry to or exit from such permanent buildings that routinely remains locked, is equipped
30 with an alarm that sounds when the point of entry or exit is accessed, and is not intended
31 for student use or is intended for student use only on an emergency basis.

32 (c) Each local board of education and other public school governing body shall be
33 authorized to use available grants and other funding to meet the requirements of this Code
34 section."

35 SECTION 2.

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