

House Bill 1088

By: Representatives Mitchell of the 88th, Bruce of the 61st, Jordan of the 77th, Scott of the 76th, and Williams of the 87th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to local boards of education, so as to provide that no local board of education which
3 receives state funding shall seek or maintain accreditation by an accrediting entity which
4 does not have open meetings; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to
5 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local
9 boards of education, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

10 "20-2-76.

11 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'accrediting entity' means an external body
12 which evaluates the services and operations of local boards of education to determine if
13 certain educational standards are met.

14 (b) No local board of education which receives state funding shall seek or maintain
15 accreditation by an accrediting entity unless such entity complies with the requirements of
16 Chapter 14 of Title 50, relating to open and public meetings, to the extent that such
17 meetings relate to the accreditation or sanctioning of any local board of education in this
18 state."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.