

The House Committee on Education offers the following substitute to HB 469:

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 provide for requirements and  
3 authorizations of the Department of Education with respect to the evaluation and reporting  
4 on best practices for school safety systems, including, but not limited to, crisis response  
5 mapping data; to require the Department of Education to provide guidance and technical  
6 support regarding such systems; to authorize and encourage public schools and local school  
7 systems to cooperate with local law enforcement agencies and other emergency management  
8 agencies to develop and share as appropriate accurate school building plans, school property  
9 site plans, and crisis response mapping data; to provide for requirements of crisis response  
10 mapping data; to provide for definitions; to provide for confidentiality; to provide for related  
11 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

13 **SECTION 1.**

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

H. B. 469 (SUB)

17 "20-2-1186.

18 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

19 (1) 'Crisis response mapping data' means information provided in an electronic or digital  
20 format used to assist law enforcement agencies and officers, emergency management  
21 agencies, and emergency first responders during emergencies, and shall include, but shall  
22 not be limited to:

23 (A) Accurate school building floor plans and school property site plans overlaid on or  
24 current aerial imagery of a school building or school property;

25 (B) Site-specific labeling of school building features, including, but not limited to:

26 (i) The names, labels, numbers, or other designations for rooms, hallways, stairways,  
27 all exterior doors, and critical interior doors;

28 (ii) Locations of hazards;

29 (iii) Locations of key utilities; and

30 (iv) Locations of automated external defibrillators (AED) and trauma kits; and

31 (C) Site-specific labeling of school property features, including, but not limited to, the  
32 location and designation of each:

33 (i) Parking area on the school property;

34 (ii) Athletic field, recreational area, or playground on the school property;

35 (iii) Property adjacent to the school property;

36 (iv) Roadway adjacent to the school property; and

37 (v) Major roadway leading generally to the school property.

38 (2) 'Department' means the Department of Education.

39 (b)(1) The department shall work with all state and local governmental entities having  
40 a role in school safety to facilitate proper communication and sharing of pertinent  
41 information relating to threats, warnings, and developing situations regarding public  
42 schools in this state.

43 (2) The department shall evaluate best practices for the acquisition, development,  
44 implementation, and interagency operation of school safety systems identified by the  
45 department, including, but not limited to, crisis response mapping data.

46 (3) No later than August 1, 2023, the department shall provide a written report to the  
47 State Board of Education of the results of the evaluation provided for in paragraph (2) of  
48 this subsection.

49 (4)(A) No later than September 1, 2023, the department shall publish guidance to public  
50 schools and local school systems on the best practices for the acquisition, development,  
51 implementation, and interagency operation of school safety systems identified by the  
52 department, including, but not limited to, crisis response mapping data. Such guidance  
53 shall include, but shall not be limited to, guidance on crisis response mapping data for  
54 school buildings and school properties to be provided and made available to appropriate  
55 local law enforcement agencies and other emergency management agencies and which  
56 shall be:

57 (i) Compatible with software platforms and applications used by the local law  
58 enforcement agencies and other emergency management agencies most likely to be  
59 called on to respond to emergencies;

60 (ii) Compatible with the software platforms and applications used by the school;

61 (iii) Provided in a printable format;

62 (iv) Annually verified for accuracy by school officials and representatives from at  
63 least one local law enforcement agency or emergency management agency by way of  
64 a walkthrough of the school building and the school property and updated as needed;  
65 and

66 (v) Oriented true north.

67 (B) The guidance provided for in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall be updated  
68 by May 1 of each year, and the provisions of divisions (i) through (v) of such  
69 subparagraph may be revised by the department on or after May 1, 2024.

70 (5) The department shall be authorized to provide technical assistance to public schools  
71 and local schools systems with the acquisition, development, implementation, and  
72 interagency operation of school safety systems, including, but not limited to, crisis  
73 response mapping data.

74 (6) The Department of Education is authorized to apply for, receive, and use federal or  
75 state grant funding relating to school safety for such purposes.

76 (c)(1) Public schools and local school systems are authorized and encouraged to work  
77 in collaboration with the department, local law enforcement agencies, and other  
78 emergency management agencies to develop detailed and accurate school building plans,  
79 school property site plans, and crisis response mapping data, and to make such  
80 information available to all appropriate local law enforcement agencies and other  
81 emergency management agencies as soon as practicable.

82 (2) Public schools and local school systems shall not be required to purchase or integrate  
83 new or additional software platforms or applications in order to develop or access  
84 mapping or other data as provided for in this subsection.

85 (d) Records of school building plans, school property plans, and crisis response mapping  
86 data provided for in this Code section shall be confidential and not subject to public  
87 disclosure."

88 **SECTION 2.**

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