

Senate Bill 357

By: Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Tillery of the 19th, Walker III of the 20th, Harbison of the 15th, Rhett of the 33rd and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-295 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 military student transfers, so as to provide military students with the discretion to select  
3 adjacent school districts for attendance; to provide for a standard process of military student  
4 school transfers; to provide for annual notification; to provide for related matters; to repeal  
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 20-2-295 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to military  
9 student transfers, is amended by adding new subsections to read as follows:

10 "(d) Military students shall be allowed to attend any public school of their parent's or legal  
11 guardian's choosing, regardless of the residence of the child, provided that the school is in  
12 the school district where the student resides or is located within 50 miles of where such  
13 student resides and space is available for additional enrollment. The parent shall assume  
14 the responsibility for and cost of transportation of the student to and from the school.

15 (e) Each local school system located within 50 miles shall:

- 16 (1) Establish a universal, streamlined process available to all students to implement the  
17 transfer requirements; and  
18 (2) Annually notify, prior to each school year, the parents of each military student by  
19 letter, by electronic means, or by such other reasonable means in a timely manner of the  
20 options available to the parent under this Code section."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.