

Senate Bill 575

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AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
 2 elementary and secondary education, so as to provide that local boards of education shall
 3 review the financial status of the local school system at least quarterly rather than monthly,
 4 subject to an exception; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to
 5 provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and
 9 secondary education, is amended in Article 3, relating to local boards of education, by
 10 revising subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-58, relating to regular monthly meeting of local
 11 boards, adjournment, temporary presiding officer, notice of date, template for financial
 12 review, and public comment period, as follows:

13 "(a) It shall be the duty of each local board of education to hold a regular meeting during
 14 each calendar month for the transaction of business pertaining to the public schools ~~and to~~
 15 ~~review the financial status of the local school system.~~ Any such meeting may be adjourned
 16 from time to time, and, in the absence of the president or secretary, the members of the
 17 local board may appoint one of their own number to serve temporarily. The local board

18 shall annually determine the date of its meeting and shall publish it either in the official
19 county organ or, at the option of the local board of education, in a newspaper having a
20 general circulation in said county at least equal to that of the official county organ for two
21 consecutive weeks following the setting of the date; provided, however, that the date shall
22 not be changed more often than once in 12 months and, if changed, the new date shall also
23 be published as provided in this Code section. Except as provided in Code
24 Section 20-2-67, at least once each quarter at a regular meeting the local board of education
25 shall review the financial status of the local school system."

26 **SECTION 2.**

27 Said chapter is further amended in Article 5, relating to local school superintendents, by
28 revising subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-109, relating to duties of local school
29 superintendents and reporting, as follows:

30 "(b) Except as provided in Code Section 20-2-67, the ~~The~~ local school superintendent shall
31 report ~~monthly~~ at least once each quarter to the local board of education the financial status
32 of the local school system in accordance with Code Section 20-2-58. Each local board of
33 education which governs a local school system that has been designated as a high-risk local
34 school system or moderate-risk local school system by the Department of Audits and
35 Accounts pursuant to Code Section 20-2-67 shall require the local school superintendent
36 to complete training on financial management and financial governance of a local school
37 system."

38 **SECTION 3.**

39 This Act shall become effective July 1, 2022.

40 **SECTION 4.**

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