

Senate Bill 582

By: Senators Harrell of the 40th, Orrock of the 36th, Jackson of the 41st and Parent of the 42nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 11 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to public school property and facilities, so as to provide for building inspection and  
3 code enforcement for public school educational facilities in this state; to provide for a  
4 definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

7 Article 11 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
8 public school property and facilities, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as  
9 follows:

10 "20-2-523.

11 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'educational facilities' shall have the same  
12 meaning as in Code Section 20-2-260.

13 (b) The State Board of Education shall, in collaboration with the Department of  
14 Community Affairs and the Board of Community Affairs, establish standards for building  
15 inspection and building code enforcement for the educational facilities of the public  
16 schools of this state. The State Board of Education shall be authorized to adopt any

17 policies, rules, regulations, or guidelines necessary for the implementation of the provisions  
18 of this Code section.

19 (c) Each local board of education or other public school governing body shall:

20 (1) Develop building inspection plans for the educational facilities located within its  
21 jurisdiction. Such plans shall comply with the standards established and any policies,  
22 rules, regulations, or guidelines adopted by the State Board of Education as provided in  
23 subsection (b) of this Code section;

24 (2) Coordinate with appropriate state and local authorities to provide for the joint  
25 inspection of educational facilities by public school officials and representatives of such  
26 state or local authorities at least annually;

27 (3) Using a form provided by the Department of Education, provide to the Department  
28 of Education a report of each joint inspection of an educational facility; and

29 (4) Cooperate with state and local authorities engaged in code enforcement activities that  
30 comply with the standards established and any policies, rules, regulations, or guidelines  
31 adopted by the State Board of Education as provided in subsection (b) of this Code  
32 section.

33 (d) The Department of Education shall:

34 (1) Promulgate forms to be used for the reporting of the joint inspection of educational  
35 facilities as provided for in paragraph (3) of subsection (c) of this Code section;

36 (2) Provide technical assistance to local boards of education and other public school  
37 governing bodies for the implementation of the provisions of this Code section; and

38 (3) Be authorized to require corrective action by any local board of education or public  
39 school governing body that does not comply with the provisions of this Code section."

40 **SECTION 2.**

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