

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth offers the following substitute to SB 161:

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 revise a provision regarding automatic
3 expulsion for possession of firearms and dangerous weapons at school; to provide for related
4 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and
8 secondary education, is amended in Code Section 20-2-751.1, relating to expulsion and
9 disciplinary policy for students bringing weapons to school, by revising subsection (a) as
10 follows:

11 "(a) Each local board of education shall establish a policy, pursuant to this subpart,
12 regarding a student's possession of a firearm, dangerous weapon, or hazardous object at
13 school. With respect to a student who is determined to have possessed a firearm ~~or~~
14 ~~dangerous weapon~~ at school, such policy shall require expulsion from school for a period
15 of not less than one calendar year; provided, however, that a hearing officer, tribunal,
16 panel, administrator, or superintendent, ~~or local board of education~~ shall have the authority
17 to ~~modify~~ recommend modifications to such expulsion requirement on a case-by-case
18 basis, which must be confirmed by the local board of education. With respect to a student
19 who is determined to have possessed a dangerous weapon at school, such policy shall
20 require expulsion from school for a period determined by the local board of education."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.