

House Bill 573

By: Representative Marin of the 96th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 16-11-127.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 carrying weapons within school safety zones, at school functions, or on school property, so
3 as to provide a punishment for persons who deliberately and with intention aforethought
4 possess a weapon at such places; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and
5 for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 16-11-127.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying
9 weapons within school safety zones, at school functions, or on school property, is amended
10 by revising subsection (b) as follows:

11 "(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, it shall be
12 unlawful for any person to carry to or to possess or have under such person's control while
13 within a school safety zone or at a school building, school function, or school property or
14 on a bus or other transportation furnished by the school any weapon or explosive
15 compound, other than fireworks the possession of which is regulated by Chapter 10 of Title
16 25. Any person who deliberately and with intention aforethought violates this subsection
17 shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more
18 than \$10,000.00, by imprisonment for not less than two nor more than ten years, or both;
19 provided, however, that upon conviction of a violation of this subsection involving a
20 firearm as defined in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 16-11-131, or a
21 dangerous weapon or machine gun as defined in Code Section 16-11-121, such person shall
22 be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000.00 or by imprisonment for a period of not
23 less than five nor more than ten years, or both. A child who deliberately and with intention
24 aforethought violates this subsection shall be subject to the provisions of Code Section
25 15-11-63."

26 **SECTION 2.**

27 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
28 without such approval.

29 **SECTION 3.**

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.