

The Senate Committee on Urban Affairs offered the following substitute to SB 333:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 6 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to programs and protection for children, so as to create a prevention program within
3 the Department of Human Services, Division of Family and Children Services relating to
4 reducing crime and further engaging fathers to be better parents; to provide for a short title;
5 to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Georgia Fatherhood Project."

9 **SECTION 2.**

10 Article 6 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
11 programs and protection for children, is amended by adding a new part to read as follows:

12 "Part 4

13 49-5-157.

14 The Department of Human Services shall establish a prevention program intending to
15 improve outcomes for children by reducing crime, and better position fathers to be engaged
16 as good parents. An individual may enter the program voluntarily. Such program shall
17 bring together community and employment resources, social programs, and local and state
18 government agencies, including, but not limited to, the Division of Family and Children
19 Services, in the development of the Georgia Fatherhood Project prevention program. Upon
20 acceptance into a prevention program, an individual shall undergo assessments, screening,
21 and evaluations as are necessary for purposes of the program."

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SECTION 3.

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.