



Bill Summary

Bill:	SB 514	Sponsor:	Sen. Dixon of the 45 th
Version:	SB 514/AP	Carrier:	Rep. McDonald of the 26 th
Status:	Signed by Governor	Committee (H):	Education
Amends:	Title 20	Committee (S):	Education and Youth

Unmask Georgia Students Act

SUMMARY

- Provides that no local board of education, school superintendent, school administrator, teacher, or other school personnel may make or enforce a rule requiring students to wear face masks or coverings while on school property unless the rule allows for exemption by parent or guardian;
- Provides that a parent or guardian making such election must not be required to provide a reason or certification of the child’s health or education status; and
- Provides that students must not suffer any adverse disciplinary or academic consequences as a result of this election.

ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits local boards of education, school superintendents, administrators, teachers, or school personnel at public and charter schools from making or enforcing any rule that requires students to wear face masks while present at school. There is an exception that schools may institute mask mandates as long as there is an opt-out option for parents. The parents must not be required to provide a reason or certification of the child’s health or education status in order to participate in the opt-out. No student will suffer adverse disciplinary or academic consequences due to this election by a parent or guardian.

There is a sunset provision for this bill of June 30, 2027.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Approval

Programs Involved in Implementation: Districts, Epidemiology, Nursing, General Counsel

Rules/Regulations Necessary: No

Fiscal Impact: No