

The Senate Special Judiciary Committee offered the following substitute to SB 191:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 1 of Article 6 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to general provisions for programs and protection for children, so as to  
3 prohibit certain governmental discrimination against youth organizations; to provide a short  
4 title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

6 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Defense of Youth Groups Engaged in  
7 Expressive Association Act."  
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**SECTION 2.**

9 Part 1 of Article 6 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
10 relating to general provisions for programs and protection for children, is amended by adding  
11 a new Code Section 49-5-136 to read as follows:  
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13 "49-5-136.

14 (a) As used in this Code section, 'youth organization' means any private nonprofit  
15 corporation engaged in expressive association, the general mission of which is to instill in  
16 young people values including patriotism, adherence to ethical and moral principles,  
17 physical health, and mental development through a program of instruction, engagement in  
18 outdoor activities, and community service.

19 (b) Neither the state nor any political subdivision thereof nor any department, agency,  
20 authority, or commission of either of them shall deny any youth organization or local  
21 chapter or affiliate thereof access to or use of public facilities or eligibility for charitable  
22 grants or contributions otherwise authorized by law based upon such organization's  
23 requiring, as a condition of membership or employment, adherence to lawful standards of  
24 ethics and morals expressed by the organization."

**SECTION 3.**

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- 2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.