

House Bill 1380

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 15-14-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 expense and travel allowances for court reporters, so as to provide for payment of premiums
3 for certain programs of insurance, contracts of indemnity, or programs of self-insurance for
4 reimbursing court reporters for certain fees and expenses; to amend Code Section 45-9-1 of
5 the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to a program of insurance or indemnity for
6 liability arising out of official duties and reimbursement of legal fees of public officers and
7 employees in connection with unsuccessful criminal prosecution and professional discipline
8 proceedings, so as to allow provision in such programs for court reporters while acting as
9 official court reporters of superior courts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
10 laws; and for other purposes.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

12 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

13 Code Section 15-14-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to expense and
14 travel allowances for court reporters to provide for payment of premiums; is amended by
15 striking subsection (a) of said Code section and inserting in its place a new subsection (a) to
16 read as follows:

17 "(a) The Department of Administrative Services is authorized and directed to pay from the
18 state treasury the sums specified in subsection (b) of this Code section as contingent
19 expense and travel allowance to each duly appointed reporter for the superior courts in all
20 judicial circuits of this state, such sum being in addition to the compensation of the superior
21 court reporters provided by law. From funds appropriated to either of them specifically for
22 the purpose or from other available funds either of them determines to apply to the purpose,
23 the Department of Administrative Services and the Judicial Council of Georgia are
24 severally authorized to pay the premium to establish the reimbursement program authorized
25 for court reporters while acting as official court reporters under subsection (e) of Code
26 Section 45-9-4."

SECTION 2.

Code Section 45-9-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to a program of insurance or indemnity for liability arising out of official duties and reimbursement of legal fees of public officers and employees in connection with unsuccessful criminal prosecution and professional discipline proceedings, is amended by adding a new subsection (e) to read as follows:

"(e) At the request of the Judicial Council of Georgia, the commissioner of administrative services shall procure or establish insurance, contracts of indemnity, or programs of self-insurance for reimbursing court reporters while acting as official court reporters of superior courts for their reasonable legal fees and other expenses incurred:

(1) In the successful defense of a criminal action arising out of the performance of official duties;

(2) In successful defense of contempt proceedings arising out of the performance of official duties; and

(3) In successful defense of subpoenas or other process compelling testimony or production of documents in a third-party matter arising as to them out of the performance of official duties.

The commissioner of administrative services shall establish appropriate premiums, limits of coverage, and other terms and conditions of coverage and administration."

SECTION 3.

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