

House Bill 1709

By: Representatives Franklin of the 39th, O'Neal of the 139th, Amerson of the 7th, Joyce of the 1st, Callaway of the 81st and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the
2 "Georgia Fiscal Note Act," so as to provide for a statement to be attached to any bill
3 introduced which would result in the expenditure of state funds; to provide that any bill
4 introduced without such statement attached shall be out of order; to repeal conflicting laws;
5 and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia
9 Fiscal Note Act," is amended by striking Code Section 28-5-43, which is reserved, and
10 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

11 "28-5-43.

12 Each bill or resolution which, if enacted, would result in the expenditure of state funds
13 shall, as a prerequisite to introduction, have affixed thereto the following statement, signed
14 by each sponsor of the legislation:

15 'Every sponsor or cosponsor of this legislation hereby affirms his or her belief that the
16 need for the government of the State of Georgia to spend taxpayer funds on the purposes
17 outlined herein is of greater importance and urgency than any spending needs which the
18 party or parties who actually earned these funds may have; such needs being, but not
19 necessarily limited to, spending for medical care, child care, housing, food, clothing,
20 transportation, education, insurance, charitable giving, savings, and retirement planning.'
21 Any such bill or resolution which is filed without such statement being attached and signed
22 shall be out of order and may not be considered."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.