

House Bill 1743

By: Representatives McBee of the 88th, Heard of the 89th and Hudgens of the 24th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Classic Center Authority for Clarke County, approved
2 March 10, 1988 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 3799), as amended, so as to provide for additional purposes
3 of the authority; to authorize certain ground leases; to provide for related matters; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 An Act creating the Classic Center Authority for Clarke County, approved March 10, 1988
8 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 3799), as amended, is amended by striking subsection (b) of Section 1 and
9 inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (b) to read as follows:

10 "(b) The purpose of the authority shall be for the development and promotion in Clarke
11 County and in this state of public projects for the cultural growth, public welfare,
12 education, and recreation of the people of Clarke County and of this state, including the
13 acquisition and construction of a building or buildings and related facilities, which shall be
14 declared to be public buildings and structures, to be used for amusement, recreational,
15 civic, cultural, commercial, hotel, parking, and educational purposes or a combination
16 thereof, including fairs, expositions, exhibits, conventions, conferences, public meetings
17 or gatherings, concerts, theaters, and for such other activities as are designed and intended
18 to promote education, culture, tourism, and the arts, and for the purchase and lease of land
19 as lessor or lessee, easements, rights in land, and franchises for the construction of such
20 facility or facilities and for use in connection therewith including use by any private sector
21 person or entity including, without limitation, use as the private owner of improvements
22 located on public property and any funds realized by said authority shall be expended for
23 such purpose."

SECTION 2.

Said Act is further amended by striking paragraphs (2), (3), and (6) of Section 4 and inserting in lieu thereof new paragraphs (2), (3), and (6) to read as follows:

"(2) To acquire in its own name by purchase, on such terms and conditions and in such manner as it may deem proper, real property or rights of easements therein or franchises and personal property necessary or convenient for its corporate purposes and to use, lease, ground lease, and dispose of real and personal property in any manner it deems to be to the best advantage of the authority and the purposes thereof. Title to such property, however, shall be held by the authority only for the benefit of the public, subject to the other provisions hereof;

(3) To accept, receive, and administer gifts, grants, loans, appropriations, and donations of money, materials, and property of any kind, including loans and grants from the United States or the State of Georgia or any agency, department, authority, or instrumentality of either upon such terms and conditions as the United States, the State of Georgia, or such agency, department, authority, or instrumentality shall impose; to administer trusts; and to sell, lease, ground lease, transfer, convey, appropriate, pledge, mortgage, or encumber all of its property and assets; provided, however, that the sale, transfer, encumbrance, or conveyance of real property shall require the prior approval of the Board of Commissioners of Clarke County;"

"(6) To construct, reconstruct, acquire, equip, own, alter, repair, maintain, add to, extend, improve, operate, and manage public projects, including the erection of a building or buildings in Clarke County, Georgia, which shall be and are declared to be public buildings, to be used for amusement, recreation, civic, cultural, commercial, hotel, parking, and educational purposes or a combination thereof, including fairs, expositions, exhibits, conventions, conferences, public meetings or gatherings, concerts, theater, and such other activities as are designed and intended to promote education, culture, tourism, and the arts; and to purchase lands, easements, rights in land, and franchises for the construction of such facility or facilities and for use in connection therewith including use by any private sector person or entity including, without limitation, use as the private owner of improvements located on public property, the cost of any such project to be paid in whole or in part from the proceeds of the sale of revenue bonds of the authority, as provided for in this Act, and the title to such property to be held by the authority only for the benefit of the public;"

SECTION 3.

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