

House Bill 330

By: Representatives Martin of the 47th and Campbell of the 42nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 11A of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 family court division pilot project, so as to extend the pilot project until July 1, 2004; to
3 provide for designation of one or more judges to sit as judges of the family court division;
4 to provide for a comprehensive report; to change the repeal date for such chapter to July 1,
5 2004; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 11A of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the family
9 court division pilot project, is amended by striking in its entirety Code Section 15-11A-2,
10 relating to project duration, powers, rules, and judges, and inserting in lieu thereof the
11 following:

12 "15-11A-2.

13 The Family Court Division of the Superior Court of Fulton County, sometimes referred to
14 in this chapter as the family court division and the superior court, respectively, shall exist
15 as a pilot project of limited duration ~~from July 1, 1998, until July 1, 2001, until July 1,~~
16 2004, and shall have the powers, rules of practice and procedure, and selection,
17 qualifications, and terms of judges of the superior court and as duly adopted by the superior
18 court for the family court division."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 15-11A-3, relating to judges, terms, and
21 required instruction, by striking subsection (a) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the
22 following:

23 "(a) The chief judge of the superior court shall designate ~~two~~ one or more judges of the
24 superior court to sit as judges of the family court division for terms of up to three years and
25 shall designate successors for terms of up to three years. In addition, the chief judge of the

1 superior court may designate one or more judges of the superior court to sit as judges of
2 the family court division on a standby basis for terms of up to three years."

3 **SECTION 3.**

4 Said chapter is further amended by striking in its entirety Code Section 15-11A-7, relating
5 to a report by the administrative office, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

6 "15-11A-7.

7 The Administrative Office of the Courts shall report annually regarding the activities of the
8 family court division of the Superior Court of Fulton County to the chief judge of the
9 Atlanta Judicial Circuit, the Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court, the Governor, the
10 Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairpersons
11 of the Judiciary Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate. The
12 Administrative Office of the Courts shall prepare for the same judicial officers and elected
13 officials a comprehensive report within 180 days following July 1, 2001, and within 180
14 days following July 1, 2004."

15 **SECTION 4.**

16 Said chapter is further amended by striking in its entirety Code Section 15-11A-9, relating
17 to the repeal of the chapter, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

18 "15-11A-9.

19 This chapter shall be repealed in its entirety on July 1, ~~2001~~ 2004."

20 **SECTION 5.**

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