

House Bill 1417 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Walker of the 141st, Holmes of the 53rd and Hudson of the 120th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 20 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to state personnel administration, so as to redefine the terms "department" and
3 "agency" as used in such article and thereby change the applicability of said article; to
4 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 1 of Chapter 20 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state
8 personnel administration, is amended by striking paragraph (7) of Code Section 45-20-2,
9 relating to definitions, and inserting in its place a new paragraph to read as follows:

10 "(7) 'Department' and 'agency' are synonymous and mean all separate and distinct
11 divisions and subdivisions of state government whose heads are legally authorized to
12 appoint employees to positions; but these terms shall not include authorities and public
13 corporations, except that authorities and public corporations may be included for the
14 purpose of assessments to the state merit system pursuant to Code Section 45-20-4.
15 'Department' and 'agency' shall include an agency assigned to a department for
16 administrative purposes and shall also include local departments of public health, county
17 departments of family and children services, community service boards, and units of the
18 Department of Defense with local employees."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.