

Senate Bill 159

By: Senator Brush of the 24th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state
2 printing and documents, so as to provide public access to scientific data used as the basis or
3 justification for public policy; to provide a short title; to provide for legislative findings; 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 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state printing
8 and documents, is amended by inserting at the end thereof a new article, to be designated
9 Article 8, to read as follows:

10 style="text-align:center">"ARTICLE 8

11 50-18-140.

12 This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'Verifiable Science Act.'

13 50-18-141.

14 The General Assembly finds that it is necessary to protect citizens from arbitrary and
15 capricious regulations promulgated without any impetus that is justified by pertinent,
16 ascertainable, and peer reviewed science, and this article guarantees citizens the right to
17 access scientific data that is used to develop public policy.

18 50-18-142.

19 (a) The general public may access data from state funded studies in whole or in part that
20 are used for development of state law or regulation or enforcement action. Any regulations
21 promulgated by the results of such studies shall be justified by pertinent, ascertainable, and
22 peer reviewed science.

1 (b) Any scientific documentation, statistics, reports, or research shall be made available
2 to the public through the provisions of Article 4 of this chapter whenever such scientific
3 data is used, in part or in whole, as the basis for proposed statutes, regulations, guidance
4 documents, policy statements, official reports, legislative studies, or any other
5 pronouncements which might carry the weight of law or which might be intended to lead
6 directly to new regulations or statutes."

7 **SECTION 2.**

8 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.