

House Bill 544

By: Representative Dean of the 48th

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend an Act creating county building authorities in certain counties having a population
2 of 550,000 or more according to the United States decennial census of 1970 or any future
3 such census approved April 2, 1980 (Ga. L. 1980, p. 4488), as amended, particularly by an
4 Act approved April 14, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 5031), an Act approved April 20, 1987 (Ga.
5 L. 1987, p. 1491), and an Act approved April 4, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 625), so as to redefine
6 the term "project" to delete any limitation on the definition of the term "project" as meaning
7 only a building or facility intended for use as a juvenile court facility; to provide for the
8 definition of a "project" as it was defined prior to the 1996 amendment; to delete any
9 prohibition upon the issuance of bonds by such authority to be limited to a project for a
10 juvenile court facility and thereby permit the issuance of bonds by such an authority for all
11 purposes permitted by the Act prior to the 1996 amendment; to increase the amount of bonds
12 which may be issued by such authorities; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting
13 laws; and for other purposes.

14 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

15 **SECTION 1.**

16 An Act creating county building authorities in certain counties having a population of
17 550,000 or more according to the United States decennial census of 1970 or any future such
18 census approved April 2, 1980 (Ga. L. 1980, p. 4488), as amended, particularly by an Act
19 approved April 14, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 5031), an Act approved April 20, 1987 (Ga. L.
20 1987, p. 1491), and an Act approved April 4, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 625), is amended by
21 striking from Section 3 thereof subsection (c.1) in its entirety.

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 Said Act is further amended by striking paragraphs (9), (10), and (11) of Section 4 in their
24 entirety and inserting in lieu thereof new paragraphs (9) and (10) to read as follows:

1 "(9) To exercise any power usually possessed by private corporations performing similar
2 functions which is not in conflict with the Constitution and laws of this state; and
3 (10) To do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers expressly given in
4 this Act."

SECTION 3.

6 Said Act is further amended by striking subsection (a) of Section 5 in its entirety and
7 inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (a) to read as follows:

8 "(a) The Authority, or any Authority or body which has or which may in the future succeed
9 to the powers, duties, and liabilities vested in the Authority created hereby, is authorized
10 to provide by resolution for the issuance of negotiable revenue bonds in an amount at any
11 time outstanding not to exceed \$200 million for the purpose of paying all or any part of the
12 cost as herein defined of any one or combination of projects."

SECTION 4.

14 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
15 without such approval.

SECTION 5.

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