

House Bill 86

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 4 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 organization of the executive branch generally, so as to provide for legislative intent; to  
3 provide for quarterly reports of state departments to standing committees of the General  
4 Assembly and for responses to inquiries by such committees; to provide an effective date;  
5 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 4 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the organization  
9 of the executive branch generally, is amended by adding at the end a new Code section to  
10 read as follows:

11 "50-4-8.

12 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly in enacting this Code section to establish  
13 legislative oversight of the executive departments of the state to assist in the delivery of  
14 state services in an efficient manner.

15 (b) As used in this Code section, the term:

16 (1) 'Department' means each department, as defined in Code Section 50-4-1, and each  
17 agency and public authority assigned to a department for administrative purposes under  
18 Code Section 50-4-3.

19 (2) 'Department head' means each department head, as defined in Code Section 50-4-1,  
20 and each official in charge of an agency or public authority assigned to a department for  
21 administrative purposes under Code Section 50-4-3.

22 (b) Each department shall prepare, no later than the end of each calendar quarter each year  
23 beginning in 2001, a quarterly report of the activities of that department for the  
24 immediately preceding quarter. That report shall be submitted to each member of the  
25 standing committee in each house which receives that department's notices of rule changes  
26 under subsection (d) of Code Section 50-13-4. In the event that department has not

1 submitted notices of such rule changes, the department shall transmit that report to the  
2 presiding officers of each house for assignment to the appropriate standing committee for  
3 review and distribution to each member of that committee.

4 (c) The quarterly report of a department required by subsection (b) of this Code section  
5 shall include a summary of that department's activities, including, but not limited to, any  
6 new program or activity begun by that department during the period covered by the report  
7 and any problem, issue, or major decision of that department arising during that period or  
8 reasonably anticipated to arise in the future. The chairperson of the standing committee  
9 which receives such report may request the head of the department which submitted such  
10 report to respond in writing or in person, or both, to inquiries of that committee regarding  
11 such report and the department's activities during the time covered by the report, and the  
12 department head shall make reasonable efforts to comply with such requests."

13 **SECTION 2.**

14 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2001.

15 **SECTION 3.**

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