

Senate Bill 163

By: Senators Fort of the 39th, Hill of the 4th, Thompson of the 33rd and Stephens of the 51st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 47-20-84 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 investment requirements for large retirement systems, so as to provide that the Employees'
3 Retirement System of Georgia and the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia and public
4 retirement systems administered by such retirement systems may invest a certain percentage
5 of their portfolios in certain types of investments; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 47-20-84 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to investment
10 requirements for large retirement systems, is amended by inserting at the end thereof the
11 following:

12 "(e) The Employees' Retirement System of Georgia and the Teachers Retirement System
13 of Georgia and any public retirement system administered by such retirement systems may
14 invest not more than three and one-half percent of retirement system assets in the following
15 types of investments:

- 16 (1) Private equity, including without limitation general private equity, buyout and
17 leveraged buyout funds, mezzanine debt, and venture capital, through participation in
18 limited partnerships, limited liability companies, and funds-of-funds; and
19 (2) Timberland through timberland investment management organizations.

20 Investments made under this subsection shall be considered equity investment for purposes
21 of subsection (c) of this Code section. Nothing in this subsection shall authorize such
22 retirement systems to invest in real estate. Nothing in this subsection shall apply to
23 retirement system investments in publically traded securities."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.