

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 1 of Article 6 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to general provisions for programs and protection for children, so as to
3 prohibit certain governmental discrimination against youth organizations; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Part 1 of Article 6 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
8 relating to general provisions for programs and protection for children, is amended by adding
9 a new Code Section 49-5-136 to read as follows:

10 "49-5-136.

11 (a) As used in this Code section, 'youth organization' means any private nonprofit
12 corporation the general mission of which is to instill in young people values including
13 patriotism, adherence to ethical and moral principles, physical health, and mental
14 development through a program of instruction, engagement in outdoor activities, and
15 community service.

16 (b) Neither the state nor any political subdivision thereof nor any department, agency,
17 authority, or commission of either of them shall deny any youth organization or local
18 chapter or affiliate thereof access to or use of public facilities or eligibility for charitable
19 grants or contributions otherwise authorized by law based upon such organization's
20 requiring, as a condition of membership or employment, adherence to lawful standards of
21 ethics and morals expressed by the organization."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.