

House Bill 29

By: Representative Stephens of the 123rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 50-8-33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 regional development centers' municipal and county membership and the distribution of state
3 funds, so as to provide for an additional condition in order to utilize state funding; to provide
4 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 Code Section 50-8-33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regional
8 development centers' municipal and county membership and the distribution of state funds,
9 is amended by striking paragraph (2) of subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof the
10 following:

11 "(2) State funds appropriated to the department and available for the purpose of assisting
12 regional development centers shall be distributed in accordance with this paragraph. The
13 department shall establish a minimum funding amount for regional development centers,
14 conditioned upon the amount of state funds appropriated, and a supplemental funding
15 formula to be used for the distribution of available state funds in excess of the minimum
16 funding amount. To be eligible for the minimum funding amount, each regional
17 development center must assess and collect annual dues in the amount of 25¢ for each
18 resident of each county within the regional development center, based upon the most
19 recent estimate of population approved by the department for this purpose. To be eligible
20 for any supplemental funding, each regional development center shall be required to
21 match the amount of the supplemental funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis and shall only
22 use for the purpose of computing matching funds revenues of the regional development
23 center in excess of the amount required for the minimum funding amount. No
24 appropriated state funds shall be made available for expenditure by a regional
25 development center unless the regional development center has obtained the signature of

1 each member of the General Assembly whose district includes the regional development
2 center."

3 **SECTION 2.**

4 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.