

House Bill 98

By: Representatives Lunsford of the 85th, Post 2, Westmoreland of the 86th, Day of the 126th, Keen of the 146th, Coan of the 67th, Post 1 and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 20 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 state's relations with nonprofit contractors, so as to authorize the establishment of one or
3 more legislative Nonprofit Contractor Oversight Panels; to provide for legislative intent; to
4 provide for the membership, operation, and powers and duties of such panels; to provide for
5 the power to require attendance and the provision of financial records by nonprofit
6 contractors; to provide for the effect of noncompliance; to provide for cooperation and
7 assistance by the state auditor and state agencies; to provide for related matters; to repeal
8 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

10 Chapter 20 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the state's
11 relations with nonprofit contractors, is amended by adding at its end a new Code Section
12 50-20-9 to read as follows:

13 "50-20-9.

14 (a) It is the purpose of this Code section to further the general purposes of this chapter by
15 providing legislative oversight of the state's relations with nonprofit contractors.

16 (b) The Senate and the House of Representatives by concurrent action may establish one
17 or more joint Nonprofit Contractor Oversight Panels. If so established, each Nonprofit
18 Contractor Oversight Panel shall consist of three members of the Senate and three members
19 of the House, with a co-chair from each chamber. Any such concurrent action and
20 appointment of panel members shall be undertaken on behalf of each chamber by the
21 officer or committee which has the general authority to appoint committee members for
22 that chamber.

23 (c) Members of the General Assembly serving on a panel shall receive expense
24 reimbursement for such service in the same manner as for service on committees, if the
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1 panel meets on a day for which the member does not already receive expense reimbursement.

2 (d) Unless otherwise provided in the rules of the Senate or the House of Representatives,
3 service on a panel shall not constitute service on a committee for purposes of any limitation
4 on the number of committees on which a member may serve.

5 (e) Each panel shall have the authority to:

6 (1) Require any nonprofit organization which receives or expends state funds to appear
7 before the panel through one or more organization representatives;

8 (2) Require any nonprofit organization which receives or expends state funds to provide
9 to the panel any financial records provided for in this chapter or any other financial
10 records of the organization related to the organization's receipt or expenditure of state
11 funds; and

12 (3) Make recommendations to the General Assembly, state agencies, and the state
13 auditor with respect to the state's relations with any one or more nonprofit organizations.

14 (f) If any nonprofit organization which receives or expends state funds refuses or fails to
15 comply with a panel's request for an appearance before the panel or production of financial
16 records, the panel shall notify the state auditor and the state auditor shall notify the
17 appropriate state organizations to cease all payments to the nonprofit organization.

18 (g) The state auditor and all state agencies shall cooperate with and provide assistance to
19 panels in the performance of their duties under this Code section."

20 **SECTION 2.**

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