

House Bill 324

By: Representatives McBee of the 74th, Buck of the 112th, Skipper of the 116th and Parrish of the 102nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 13 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 Secretary of State, so as to create the International Affairs Coordinating Council; to define
3 a certain term; to provide for membership; to provide for duties; to provide for meetings; to
4 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 13 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Secretary
8 of State, is amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:

9 "ARTICLE 6

10 45-13-100.

11 As used in this article, the term 'council' means the International Affairs Coordinating
12 Council.

13 45-13-101.

14 There is created within the office of the Secretary of State the International Affairs
15 Coordinating Council.

16 45-13-102.

17 (a) The council shall be composed of:

18 (1) The following officers, ex officio, or their designees: the commissioner of industry,
19 trade, and tourism, the Commissioner of Agriculture, the chancellor of the Board of
20 Regents of the University System of Georgia, the commissioner of community health, the
21 commissioner of the Governor's Office of Human Relations, the commissioner of human
22 resources, the commissioner of motor vehicle safety, the commissioner of public safety,

1 the commissioner of revenue, the Secretary of State, the State School Superintendent, the
2 chairperson of the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia, the executive director of
3 the Georgia Ports Authority, the executive director of the Georgia Council for the Arts,
4 the mayor of the City of Atlanta, and the general manager of Hartsfield International
5 Airport; and

6 (2) Two persons appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be a county
7 commissioner and one of whom shall be a member of a city council, each from an area
8 of the state having a significant immigrant population.

9 Such persons shall serve terms of four years; provided, however, that the office shall be
10 deemed vacated if any person ceases to hold the elective or appointive office which
11 qualified him or her for the appointment.

12 (b) The Secretary of State shall be the chairperson of the council. The council shall elect
13 such other officers as it deems necessary.

14 45-13-103.

15 The duties of the council shall be to:

16 (1) Coordinate and clarify the international responsibilities of the agencies, offices, and
17 governments represented by the council membership; and

18 (2) Subject to appropriations by the General Assembly, develop publications and forms
19 of communication to promote the international reputation of the state;

20 (3) Establish a means of ensuring that the general public knows where it may obtain
21 services and information relating to international matters; and

22 (4) Issue a report to the Governor and the presiding officer of each chamber of the
23 General Assembly not later than December 31 of each year recommending measures
24 calculated to sustain a coordinated international strategy and reporting on matters
25 necessary to the mission of the council.

26 45-13-104.

27 The council shall meet upon the call of the chairperson but not less often than quarterly.

28 The members of the council shall serve without compensation or reimbursement of
29 expenses from the council.

30 45-12-105.

31 The council is authorized to accept and use such gifts, grants, and donations as may be
32 available for the purpose of carrying out the purposes of this article.

1 45-13-106.
2 Pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' the council
3 shall have the authority to promulgate and enforce such rules and regulations as may be
4 necessary to carry out the provisions of this article."

5 **SECTION 2.**
6 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.