

House Bill 424

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 7 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 salaries and fees of public officers and employees, so as to provide that deductions are
3 authorized for the purpose of contributing to savings trust accounts established under the
4 Georgia Higher Education Savings Plan; to provide procedures for authorizing and ending
5 such a deduction; to provide for immunity; to provide for related matters; to provide an
6 effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 7 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to salaries and fees
10 of public officers and employees, is amended in Article 3, relating to salary deductions, by
11 inserting a new Code section to be designated Code Section 45-7-57 to read as follows:

12 "45-7-57.

13 (a) Any department, agency, authority, commission, or other instrumentality of the state
14 is authorized to deduct designated amounts from the wages or salaries of its employees and
15 remit such moneys to one or more savings trust accounts established under Article 11 of
16 Chapter 3 of Title 20.

17 (b) No payroll deduction shall be made under this Code section without the employee's
18 written and voluntary consent designating the exact amount to be deducted.

19 (c) Any employee who has authorized a deduction under this Code section is authorized
20 to end such salary deduction upon written notice to the employer.

21 (d) The fiscal authorities or other employees of the various departments, agencies,
22 authorities, commissions, or other instrumentalities of this state shall incur no liability for
23 errors or omissions made in the administration of payroll deductions authorized under this
24 Code section."

1 **SECTION 2.**

2 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
3 without such approval.

4 **SECTION 3.**

5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.