

House Bill 695

By: Representatives Roberts of the 135<sup>th</sup>, Dukes of the 136<sup>th</sup> and Rynders of the 137<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the merger of the independent school system of the City of  
2 Albany and the school district in the County of Dougherty lying outside the corporate limits  
3 of said city, approved February 5, 1951 (Ga. L. 1951, p. 2233), as amended, so as to provide  
4 that the tax commissioner of Dougherty County shall retain an amount not exceeding a  
5 specified percentage of educational funds collected by said officer and remit the same to the  
6 governing authority of Dougherty County to reimburse the county for the cost of collecting  
7 school taxes; to provide for a statement of intention and the authority for this Act; to repeal  
8 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

11 An Act providing for the merger of the independent school system of the City of Albany and  
12 the school district in the County of Dougherty lying outside the corporate limits of said city,  
13 approved February 5, 1951 (Ga. L. 1951, p. 2233), as amended, is amended by striking  
14 Section 20 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

15 style="text-align:center">"SECTION 20.

16 The tax commissioner of Dougherty County shall remit all educational funds collected by  
17 said officer to the Dougherty County Board of Education, except that an amount not  
18 exceeding 2.1 percent of the funds collected shall be retained by the tax commissioner and  
19 remitted to the governing authority of Dougherty County to reimburse the county for the  
20 cost of collecting school taxes."

21 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

22 It is the intention of this Act to reduce the amount authorized by subsection (a) of Code  
23 Section 48-5-404 of the O.C.G.A. as reimbursement to counties for the collection of school  
24 taxes, and this Act is pursuant to the specific authority of Article VIII, Section VI, Paragraph  
25 III of the Constitution of the State of Georgia.

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**SECTION 3.**

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.