

House Bill 317 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Walton County Commission on Children and Youth, approved
2 March 24, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 4076), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March
3 27, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 3899), so as to create the Partnership for Families, Children, and
4 Youth as the successor to such commission; to provide for the composition, appointment,
5 qualifications, and terms of the partnership and provide for expiration of terms and abolition
6 of the commission; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act creating the Walton County Commission on Children and Youth, approved March
10 24, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 4076), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 27,
11 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 3899), is amended by striking subsection (a) of Section 1 thereof and
12 inserting in its place the following:

13 "(a) There is created a body corporate and politic to be known as the Partnership for
14 Families, Children, and Youth, which shall be deemed to be an instrumentality of the state
15 and a public corporation by that name, style, and title and said body may contract and be
16 contracted with, sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, and complain and defend in
17 all courts of law and equity. The partnership shall have perpetual existence and shall be
18 the successor to the Walton County Commission on Children and Youth created under the
19 prior provisions of this Act, which commission is abolished upon the effective date of this
20 subsection in 2003. Any reference in this Act to such commission shall be deemed to refer
21 to such partnership. The terms of office of those members of the commission serving as
22 such immediately prior to the date this subsection becomes effective in 2003 shall expire
23 upon that effective date with their successors upon the partnership appointed within 30
24 days after such effective date. The partnership shall be composed of 21 members as
25 follows:

1 (1) Twelve members to be appointed by the members of the Board of Commissioners of
2 Walton County, other than the chairperson, with each such board member appointing one
3 partnership member to serve for an initial term of one year and appointing one
4 partnership member to serve for an initial term of two years;

5 (2) One member to be appointed by the chairperson of the Board of Commissioners of
6 Walton County to serve for an initial term of two years; and

7 (3) Eight members to be appointed by majority vote of the judges of the following courts
8 of Walton County: the superior court, the juvenile court, the magistrate court, and the
9 probate court, with four of such partnership members designated in such appointments
10 to serve for initial terms of one year and four such partnership members designated in
11 such appointments to serve for initial terms of two years.

12 Appointments to the partnership shall include at least one member from each of the
13 following fields or professions:

14 (1) Law enforcement;

15 (2) Child welfare;

16 (3) Medical;

17 (4) Education; and

18 (5) The business, civic, and faith community. "

19 **SECTION 2.**

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