

Senate Bill 255

By: Senators Kemp of the 46th, Clay of the 37th, Hill of the 4th, Golden of the 8th and  
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**AS PASSED SENATE**

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to public officials and employees doing business with the state, so as to  
3 provide a limited exception to the general prohibition against doing business with the state  
4 for certain employees of the University System of Georgia; to provide for related matters;  
5 to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
9 relating to public officials and employees doing business with the state, is amended by  
10 adding a new Code Section 45-10-24.1 to read as follows:

11 "45-10-24.1.

12 Subsection (a) of Code Section 45-10-23 and paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code  
13 Section 45-10-24 shall not apply to a transaction with a unit of the University System of  
14 Georgia by a family owned business in which an employee of the university system or a  
15 member of the employee's family has an ownership interest where all of the following  
16 apply:

17 (1) The employee or one or more members of the employee's family or both have an  
18 ownership interest in a family owned business, but the employee is not actively engaged  
19 in the day-to-day management of the business;

20 (2) The employee is employed by a department of the unit of the university system in a  
21 position below that of department head; and

22 (3) The transaction is:

23 (A) With a unit of the university system different than the unit employing the  
24 employee; or

25 (B) With a department of the employing unit of the university system different than the  
26 department employing the employee."

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5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.