

The House Committee on Economic Development and Tourism offered the following substitute to HB 324:

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 director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, the chairperson of the Supreme Court  
 2 Commission on Equality, the Commissioner of Labor, the commissioner of revenue, the  
 3 Secretary of State, the State School Superintendent, the chairperson of the Prosecuting  
 4 Attorneys' Council of Georgia, the executive director of the Georgia Ports Authority, the  
 5 executive director of the Georgia Council for the Arts, the mayor of the City of Atlanta,  
 6 and the general manager of Hartsfield International Airport; and

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

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

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

15 45-13-103.

16 The duties of the council shall be to:

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

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

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

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

27 45-13-104.

28 The council shall meet upon the call of the chairperson but not less often than quarterly.  
 29 The members of the council shall serve without compensation or reimbursement of  
 30 expenses from the council.

31 45-12-105.

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

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**SECTION 2.**

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