

House Bill 875

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 45-12-75.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 annual continuation budget reports applicable to state agencies, so as to provide that each  
3 budget unit which will be included in the continuation budget report for any year shall be  
4 required to justify every program operated under the budget unit; to provide that in any such  
5 year that a budget unit is included in the continuation budget report, the budget unit shall  
6 begin with a zero based budget; to provide that in any year in which the budget unit is  
7 included in the continuation budget report, it shall be the duty of the head of the budget unit  
8 to furnish to the Budgetary Responsibility Oversight Committee by the first day of  
9 September a description of each program within the budget unit, the reasons necessary for  
10 continuing each program, the operating procedure of each program, the manner in which it  
11 conforms to the budget unit's strategic plan as well as the state's strategic plan, and any other  
12 information which would be helpful to the members of the committee in determining whether  
13 a program is necessary and the appropriate level of funding for the budget unit; to provide  
14 that the members of the committee shall also be furnished with the projected cost for each  
15 program of the budget unit for each of the next five fiscal years; to repeal conflicting laws;  
16 and for other purposes.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

18 **SECTION 1.**

19 Code Section 45-12-75.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual  
20 continuation budget reports applicable to state agencies, is amended by striking subsection  
21 (a) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (a) to read as follows:

22 "(a)(1) On or before October 1 of 1994 and each year thereafter, the Governor, through  
23 the Office of Planning and Budget, shall prepare and submit to the Budgetary  
24 Responsibility Oversight Committee a continuation budget report. On or before May 1  
25 of 1994 and every year thereafter, the Governor, through the Office of Planning and  
26 Budget, shall consult and coordinate with the chairperson of the Budgetary Responsibility

1 Oversight Committee to develop a list of agencies and programs in agencies which will  
2 be included in the continuation budget report for the year. Each state department shall  
3 be included in the continuation budget report not less than once every five years. ~~The~~ In  
4 addition to the requirements and provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection, the  
5 continuation budget report shall contain a detailed analysis of the funds necessary to  
6 provide services in the current fiscal year for each state agency and program examined.  
7 Such report shall address all programs and shall include a description of the purposes and  
8 accomplishments of the programs.

9 (2) Each budget unit which will be included in the continuation budget report for any  
10 year shall be required to justify every program operated under the budget unit. In any  
11 such year that a budget unit is included in the continuation budget report, the budget unit  
12 shall begin with a zero based budget. In any year in which the budget unit is included in  
13 the continuation budget report, it shall be the duty of the head of the budget unit to  
14 furnish to the Budgetary Responsibility Oversight Committee by the first day of  
15 September a description of each program within the budget unit, the reasons necessary  
16 for continuing each program, the operating procedure of each program, the manner in  
17 which it conforms to the budget unit's strategic plan as well as the state's strategic plan,  
18 and any other information which would be helpful to the members of the committee in  
19 determining whether a program is necessary and the appropriate level of funding for the  
20 budget unit. The members of the committee shall also be furnished with the projected  
21 cost for each program of the budget unit for each of the next five fiscal years."

## 22 SECTION 2.

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