

House Bill 948

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act establishing a public school system in the City of Jefferson, Georgia,  
2 approved July 30, 1912 (Ga. L. 1912, p. 1019), as amended, particularly by an Act approved  
3 March 28, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 4544), so as to require the governing authority of that city  
4 to levy the tax certified for such system and grant the board of education of such system the  
5 power to issue obligations for such system; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting  
6 laws; and for other purposes.

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act establishing a public school system in the City of Jefferson, Georgia, approved July  
10 30, 1912 (Ga. L. 1912, p. 1019), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 28,  
11 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 4544), is amended by striking Section 12 thereof and inserting in its  
12 place the following:

13 "SECTION 12.

14 The board of education of the City of Jefferson shall annually certify to the mayor and  
15 council the rate of the tax levy, not greater than the mills per dollar allowable under the  
16 laws and Constitution of the State of Georgia, necessary for the support, maintenance, and  
17 operation of the schools coming within the jurisdiction of the board. The mayor and  
18 council shall levy the tax so certified by the board of education upon assessed value of all  
19 taxable property in the incorporated limits of the City of Jefferson, but not to exceed 20  
20 mills per dollar.

21 **SECTION 12.1.**

22 After complying with the procedure for authorization of bonded debt set forth in Georgia  
23 law and applicable to public school districts, the board of education of the City of Jefferson  
24 shall have power and authority to issue bonds or notes, or both, for the purpose of buying

1 and improving property for educational purposes and for the construction and maintenance  
2 of public schools, administrative offices, and storage, maintenance, and transportation  
3 facilities established and maintained under the direction of the board, provided that the debt  
4 that may be created under this paragraph shall never exceed any limitations established  
5 therefor by the Constitution or laws of the State of Georgia. Any millage limitation  
6 established in Section 12 of this Act shall not apply to the school tax levy necessary for the  
7 payment of the bonded indebtedness of the school district and shall apply only to the  
8 portion of the school tax levy for the support, maintenance, and operation of the school  
9 district."

10 **SECTION 2.**

11 This Act shall become effective on the first day of the month following the month in which  
12 it is approved by the Governor or in which it becomes law without such approval.

13 **SECTION 3.**

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