

Senate Bill 399

By: Senator Butler of the 55th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to provide that  
3 any voluntary agency that assists with the resettlement of refugees must make certain reports  
4 to the county and municipality in which such agency is located; to provide a definition; to  
5 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general  
9 provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, is amended by adding a new  
10 Code Section 36-60-24 to read as follows:

11 "36-60-24.

12 Any voluntary agency that is involved in the resettlement of refugees in this state shall  
13 report to the governing authority of the county and, if located within a municipality, to  
14 the governing authority of the municipality in which such agency is located each time that  
15 such agency resettles or assists in the resettlement of ten or more refugees at one time in  
16 such county or municipality within ten days of such refugees' arrival in the county or  
17 municipality. For the purposes of this Code section, 'voluntary agency' shall mean an  
18 agency located in this state that contracts with the United States Department of State or  
19 a National Voluntary Resettlement Agency to provide reception and placement services  
20 to refugees who reside in this state."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.