

Senate Bill 431

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend the Official Code of Georgia Annotated so as to provide for notification to the
2 members of the General Assembly of the availability of annual reports, budgets, and audits;
3 to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

6 Code Section 8-5-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the annual report
7 relative to art in state buildings, is amended by striking said Code section in its entirety and
8 inserting in its place the following:

9 "8-5-8.

10 In consultation with the director of the Office of Planning and Budget, the council shall
11 prepare ~~and distribute to the General Assembly~~ an annual report relative to the art in state
12 buildings program pursuant to this chapter. The council shall not be required to distribute
13 copies of the annual report to the members of the General Assembly but shall notify the
14 members of the availability of the annual report in the manner which it deems to be most
15 effective and efficient. Such report may be submitted as part of a report on the activities
16 and programs of the council."

17 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

18 Code Section 10-4-58 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the annual
19 report of the state warehouse commissioner, is amended by striking said Code section in its
20 entirety and inserting in its place the following:

21 "10-4-58.

22 (a) The state warehouse commissioner shall make an annual report to the General
23 Assembly, setting forth:

24 (1) Number and location of each warehouse where cotton has been received for storage
25 by the state;

1 (2) Cotton on storage and that delivered on presentation of receipts; and

2 (3) Such further information as the commissioner may think would be of benefit to the
3 public.

4 (b) The state warehouse commissioner shall not be required to distribute copies of the
5 annual report to the members of the General Assembly but shall notify the members of the
6 availability of the annual report in the manner which he or she deems to be most effective
7 and efficient."

8 SECTION 3.

9 Code Section 10-10-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to publishing of
10 an annual report by the Advanced Technology Development Center, is amended by striking
11 said Code section in its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

12 "10-10-6.

13 The center, on behalf of the board, shall publish an annual report which shall be made
14 available to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the board setting forth in detail the
15 operations and transactions conducted by it pursuant to this chapter. The annual report shall
16 specifically account for the ways in which the ~~need~~, needs, mission, and programs of the
17 center described in this chapter have been carried out. The center shall distribute its annual
18 report by such means that will make it widely available to those innovative enterprises of
19 special importance to the Georgia economy. The center shall not be required to distribute
20 copies of the annual report to the members of the General Assembly but shall notify the
21 members of the availability of the annual report in the manner which it deems to be most
22 effective and efficient."

23 SECTION 4.

24 Code Section 12-3-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the duties and
25 powers of the Department of Natural Resources as to recreational policies and programs, is
26 amended by striking paragraph (7) of subsection (a) of said Code section in its entirety and
27 inserting in its place the following:

28 "(7) To submit an annual report of activities and recommendations to the Governor and
29 to notify the General Assembly of the availability of the annual report in the manner
30 which it deems to be most effective and efficient;".

31 SECTION 5.

32 Code Section 12-5-212 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the annual
33 report relative to coastal waters, beaches, and sand dunes, is amended by striking said Code
34 section in its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

1 "12-5-212.

2 The department shall make an annual report to the General Assembly which shall include
 3 a report on all funds and properties received or disbursed under this part. The department
 4 shall not be required to distribute copies of the annual report to the members of the General
 5 Assembly but shall notify the members of the availability of the annual report in the
 6 manner which it deems to be most effective and efficient."

7 **SECTION 6.**

8 Code Section 12-5-287 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to leasing of state
 9 owned marshland or water bottoms, is amended by striking subsection (i) of said Code
 10 section in its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

11 "(i) The department shall make an annual report of its activities each calendar year to the
 12 General Assembly. The report shall include a summary of all applications received and
 13 leases granted, including length of terms, rentals, and locations. Copies of the annual report
 14 shall be provided to the director of the State Properties Commission, the chairperson of the
 15 House Natural Resources and Environment Committee, the chairperson of the House
 16 Committee on State Institutions and Property, the chairperson of the Senate Natural
 17 Resources Committee, and the chairperson of the Senate Committee on State and Local
 18 Governmental Operations. The department shall not be required to distribute copies of the
 19 annual report to the members of the General Assembly but shall notify the members of the
 20 availability of the annual report in the manner which it deems to be most effective and
 21 efficient."

22 **SECTION 7.**

23 Code Section 12-5-402 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to powers and
 24 duties of the Department of Natural Resources with regard to the development of the
 25 Chattahoochee River Basin, is amended by striking paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of said
 26 Code section in its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

27 "(2) To submit an annual report of its activities under this part and recommendations to
 28 the Governor and to notify the members of the General Assembly of the availability of
 29 the annual report and recommendations in the manner which it deems to be most effective
 30 and efficient."

31 **SECTION 8.**

32 Code Section 12-5-422 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to powers and
 33 duties of the Department of Natural Resources with regard to the development of the

1 Altamaha River Basin, is amended by striking paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of said Code
2 section in its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

3 "(2) To submit an annual report of its activities under this part and recommendations to
4 the Governor and to notify the members of the General Assembly of the availability of
5 the annual report and recommendations in the manner which it deems to be most effective
6 and efficient."

7 **SECTION 9.**

8 Code Section 12-6-139 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to audit of
9 accounts of the Herty Foundation, is amended by striking said Code section in its entirety
10 and inserting in its place the following:

11 "12-6-139.

12 It shall be the duty of the state auditor to audit the books and accounts of the foundation
13 and to submit such audit to the Governor, who shall ~~transmit the same to each regular~~
14 ~~session of the General Assembly~~ notify the members of the General Assembly of the
15 availability of the audit in the manner which he or she deems to be most effective and
16 efficient."

17 **SECTION 10.**

18 Code Section 12-8-31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the state solid
19 waste management plan, is amended by striking the introductory language of subsection (d)
20 of said Code section in its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

21 "(d) In monitoring and reporting on the implementation success of the state solid waste
22 management plan required under this Code section, the Department of Community Affairs,
23 with the cooperation of the division and the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority,
24 ~~beginning in January, 1992,~~ shall report annually to the Governor and the General
25 Assembly on the status of solid waste management in Georgia. The Department of
26 Community Affairs shall not be required to distribute copies of the annual report to the
27 members of the General Assembly but shall notify the members of the availability of the
28 annual report in the manner which it deems to be most effective and efficient. The annual
29 report shall include but not be limited to:"

30 **SECTION 11.**

31 Code Section 12-8-33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Recycling
32 Market Development Council, is amended by striking subsection (b) of said Code section in
33 its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

1 "(b) The council shall meet as necessary and shall determine what actions, if any, are
 2 needed to facilitate the development and expansion of markets for recovered materials in
 3 Georgia and shall prepare an annual report with recommendations to the Governor and
 4 General Assembly. The council shall not be required to distribute copies of the annual
 5 report to the members of the General Assembly but shall notify the members of the
 6 availability of the annual report in the manner which it deems to be most effective and
 7 efficient."

8 SECTION 12.

9 Code Section 15-9-101 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to powers of the
 10 Probate Judges Training Council, bond of personnel employed by council and empowered
 11 to handle funds, and audits, is amended by striking subsection (c) of said Code section in its
 12 entirety and inserting in its place the following:

13 "(c) The training council shall establish such auditing procedures as may be required in
 14 connection with the handling of public funds. The state auditor is authorized and directed
 15 to make an annual audit of the acts and doings of the training council and to make a
 16 complete report of the same to the General Assembly. The state auditor shall not be
 17 required to distribute copies of the audit to the members of the General Assembly but shall
 18 notify the members of the availability of the audit in the manner which he or she deems to
 19 be most effective and efficient. The report shall disclose all moneys received by the
 20 training council and all expenditures made by the training council, including administrative
 21 expense. He or she shall also make an audit of the affairs of the training council at any time
 22 required by a majority of the training council or the Governor of the state."

23 SECTION 13.

24 Code Section 15-18-44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to powers and
 25 duties of the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council, employees' bonds, audits, and that certain
 26 retired personnel are not to be compensated, is amended by striking subsection (c) of said
 27 Code section in its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

28 "(c) The council shall establish such auditing procedures as may be required in connection
 29 with the handling of public funds. The state auditor is authorized and directed to make an
 30 annual audit of the transactions of the council and to make a complete report of the same
 31 to the General Assembly. The state auditor shall not be required to distribute copies of the
 32 report to the members of the General Assembly but shall notify the members of the
 33 availability of the report in the manner which he or she deems to be most effective and
 34 efficient. The report shall disclose all moneys received by the council and all expenditures
 35 made by the council, including administrative expense. The state auditor shall also make

1 an audit of the affairs of the council at any time when requested to do so by a majority of
2 the council or by the Governor."

3 **SECTION 14.**

4 Code Section 20-2-740 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual report
5 by local boards of education regarding disciplinary and placement actions and annual study
6 by Department of Education, is amended by striking subsection (c) of said Code section in
7 its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

8 "(c) The Department of Education shall conduct a study for each school year based upon
9 the statistical data filed by local boards pursuant to this Code section for the purpose of
10 determining trends in discipline. The department shall also utilize existing demographic
11 data on school personnel as needed to establish trends in discipline. Nothing in this Code
12 section shall be construed to authorize the public release of personally identifiable
13 information regarding students or school personnel. The department shall prepare submit
14 a report ~~on such study to~~ for the General Assembly ~~by December 1, 1999, and on the study~~
15 annually thereafter and notify the members of the General Assembly of the availability of
16 the report in the manner which it deems to be most effective and efficient."

17 **SECTION 15.**

18 Code Section 20-3-239 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual audits
19 and distribution of audit reports of the Georgia Student Finance Commission, is amended by
20 striking said Code section in its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

21 "20-3-239.

22 The state auditor shall make an annual financial audit of the books, accounts, and records
23 of the commission. The state auditor shall maintain a copy of the audit report on file in his
24 or her office, make copies of the report available for inspection by the general public, and
25 furnish a copy of the report to the commission, to members of the board of commissioners,
26 and to the Governor, and to and shall notify the members of the General Assembly of the
27 availability of the report in the manner which he or she deems to be most effective and
28 efficient."

29 **SECTION 16.**

30 Code Section 20-3-268 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual audits
31 of the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation and distribution of audit reports,
32 is amended by striking said Code section in its entirety and inserting in its place the
33 following:

1 "20-3-268.

2 The state auditor shall make an annual financial audit of the books, accounts, and records
3 of the corporation. The state auditor shall maintain a copy of the audit report on file in his
4 or her office, make copies of the report available for inspection by the general public, and
5 furnish a copy of the report to the corporation, to members of the board of directors of the
6 corporation, and to the Governor, ~~and to~~ and shall notify the members of the General
7 Assembly of the availability of the report in the manner which he or she deems to be most
8 effective and efficient."

9 **SECTION 17.**

10 Code Section 20-3-320 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to audits of the
11 Georgia Student Finance Authority and distribution of audit reports, is amended by striking
12 said Code section in its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

13 "20-3-320.

14 The state auditor shall make an annual financial audit of the books, accounts, and records
15 of the authority. The state auditor shall maintain a copy of the audit report on file in his or
16 her office, make copies of the report available for inspection by the general public, and
17 furnish a copy of the report to the authority, to members of the board of directors of the
18 authority, to the Governor, and to such other persons as may be required pursuant to
19 Subpart 2 of this part and shall notify the members of the General Assembly, ~~and to such~~
20 ~~other persons as may be required pursuant to Subpart 2 of this part~~ of the availability of the
21 report in the manner which he or she deems to be most effective and efficient. The
22 authority is further authorized to have independent audits made of such books, accounts,
23 and records of the authority as may be required pursuant to Subpart 2 of this part."

24 **SECTION 18.**

25 Code Section 20-12-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual reports
26 by the board of regents regarding marine resources and oceanographic studies, is amended
27 by striking said Code section in its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

28 "20-12-8.

29 The board of regents shall make an annual report to the General Assembly which shall
30 include a report on all funds and properties received or disbursed under this chapter. The
31 board of regents shall not be required to distribute copies of the annual report to the
32 members of the General Assembly but shall notify the members of the availability of the
33 report in the manner which it deems to be most effective and efficient."

SECTION 19.

Code Section 20-14-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to required reports and publication format for the Office of Education Accountability, is amended by striking subsection (b) of said Code section in its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

"(b) Each report provided for in this Code section shall be published in a format that can be easily understood by parents and other members of the community who are not professional educators. Such reports shall be distributed to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the chairpersons of the Education and Higher Education committees of the Senate and House of Representatives, ~~members of the General Assembly~~, members of the state education governing boards or commissions, and members of the council. The office shall not be required to distribute copies of such reports to the members of the General Assembly but shall notify the members of the availability of the reports in the manner which it deems to be most effective and efficient. In addition, such reports shall be posted on the website of the office."

SECTION 20.

Code Section 20-14-28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reporting on effect of nationally certified teachers on student performance, is amended by striking said Code section in its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

"20-14-28.

When the state-wide comprehensive educational information system provided for in Code Section 20-2-320 becomes functional, the office shall conduct a longitudinal study of the effect of nationally certified teachers on student performance in Georgia. Thereafter, the office shall prepare an annual report addressing the question of whether nationally certified and Teacher Alternative Preparation Program teachers have improved student performance in Georgia. The office shall ~~and~~ submit such report to ~~the members of the General Assembly and the State Board of Education~~ and shall notify the members of the General Assembly of the availability of such report in the manner which it deems to be most effective and efficient."

SECTION 21.

Code Section 25-4-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the meetings, quorum, and annual report of the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council, is amended by striking paragraph (2) of said Code section in its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

1 shall not be required to distribute copies of the annual report to the members of the General
 2 Assembly but shall notify the members of the availability of the report in the manner which
 3 he or she deems to be most effective and efficient."

4 **SECTION 27.**

5 Code Section 37-2-33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the duties of the
 6 state ombudsman for mental health, mental retardation, and substance abuse, is amended by
 7 striking paragraph (6) of said Code section in its entirety and inserting in its place the
 8 following:

9 "(6) Make an annual written report, documenting the types of complaints and problems
 10 reported by service recipients and others on their behalf and include recommendations
 11 concerning needed policy, regulatory, and legislative changes. The annual report shall be
 12 submitted to the Governor and General Assembly and other appropriate agencies and
 13 organizations and made available to the public. The state ombudsman shall not be
 14 required to distribute copies of the annual report to the members of the General Assembly
 15 but shall notify the members of the availability of the report in the manner which he or
 16 she deems to be most effective and efficient."

17 **SECTION 28.**

18 Code Section 38-4-11 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
 19 commissioner of veterans service, annual reports, content, and recipients, is amended by
 20 striking said Code section in its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

21 "38-4-11.

22 The commissioner of veterans service shall furnish to the Governor, the members of the
 23 General Assembly, the Veterans Service Board, veterans' organizations, and the public
 24 generally an annual report with reference to claims presented on behalf of veterans of this
 25 state, concerning veterans aided under federal, state, or local legislation, and otherwise to
 26 report the activities and accomplishments of the Department of Veterans Service. The
 27 commissioner of veterans service shall not be required to distribute copies of the annual
 28 report to the members of the General Assembly but shall notify the members of the
 29 availability of the report in the manner which he or she deems to be most effective and
 30 efficient."

31 **SECTION 29.**

32 Code Section 45-6-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mailing of annual
 33 reports to General Assembly members, is amended by striking said Code section in its
 34 entirety and inserting in its place the following:

1 "45-6-4.

2 (a) Each state agency, office, board, department, or official directed by law to file an
 3 annual report shall send by inter-office mail a notification notify each member of the
 4 General Assembly in the manner which the reporting entity deems to be most effective and
 5 efficient that such report is available upon request ~~to each member of the General~~
 6 ~~Assembly at his legislative office at the state capitol~~; on or before June 1 of each year,
 7 unless another date is provided for by law.

8 (b) Each state agency, office, board, department, or official directed by law to provide the
 9 members of the General Assembly with any annual report, budget, or audit other than those
 10 referred to in subsection (a) of this Code section shall not be required to distribute copies
 11 of such materials to the members but shall notify the members of the availability of such
 12 materials in the manner which the reporting entity deems to be most effective and efficient.

13 (c) Each state agency, office, board, department, or official shall be required to furnish to
 14 any member of the General Assembly any such annual report, budget, or audit referred to
 15 in this Code section upon request of any member of the General Assembly."

16 SECTION 30.

17 Code Section 45-12-75.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the annual
 18 continuation budget report, is amended by striking subsection (c) of said Code section in its
 19 entirety and inserting in its place the following:

20 "(c) The committee shall submit to the membership of the General Assembly within one
 21 week of the convening of each regular session of the General Assembly prepare a list of
 22 all programs included in the continuation budget report for each department examined as
 23 well as actions recommended, if any, by the committee. Within one week of the convening
 24 of each regular session of the General Assembly, the committee shall notify the members
 25 of the availability of the list in the manner which it deems to be most effective and
 26 efficient."

27 SECTION 31.

28 Code Section 45-20-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to purposes and
 29 principles of the state merit system, is amended by striking paragraph (9) of subsection (c)
 30 of said Code section in its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

31 "(9) Audit agencies' processes as referred to in paragraph (8) of this subsection and
 32 report findings annually to the Governor and the General Assembly in conjunction with
 33 an annual report on the overall status of the state work force. The state merit system shall
 34 not be required to distribute copies of the findings or annual report referred to in this
 35 paragraph to the members of the General Assembly but shall notify the members of the

1 availability of the materials in the manner which it deems to be most effective and
 2 efficient;”.

3 SECTION 32.

4 Code Section 45-20-11 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to audits of the
 5 state merit system and reports of audit findings, is amended by striking said Code section in
 6 its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

7 "45-20-11.

8 The state auditor shall perform periodic operational audits of the state merit system. Such
 9 audits shall also be performed at the request of the Governor, the commissioner, or the
 10 General Assembly. Reports of audit findings shall be filed with the board, the
 11 commissioner, and the Governor, ~~and members of the General Assembly~~. The state auditor
 12 shall not be required to file copies of the audit findings with the members of the General
 13 Assembly but shall notify the members of the availability of audit findings in the manner
 14 which he or she deems to be most effective and efficient.”

15 SECTION 33.

16 Code Section 47-11-26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual audit
 17 of the Board of Commissioners of the Judges of the Probate Courts Retirement Fund of
 18 Georgia and power of state auditor to conduct audit when he or she sees fit or at the request
 19 of the Governor, is amended by striking said Code section in its entirety and inserting in its
 20 place the following:

21 "47-11-26.

22 The state auditor is authorized and directed to make an annual audit of the acts and doings
 23 of the board and to make a complete report of the same to the General Assembly in such
 24 detail as he or she may see fit. The state auditor shall not be required to distribute copies
 25 of the report to the members of the General Assembly but shall notify the members of the
 26 availability of the report in the manner which he or she deems to be most effective and
 27 efficient. The state auditor shall also have the right to audit the affairs of the board and any
 28 of its employees at any time that he or she may see fit or at any time that he or she may be
 29 requested to do so by the board or by the Governor.”

30 SECTION 34.

31 Code Section 47-14-26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the duty of the
 32 state auditor to make an annual audit and report of the Board of Commissioners of the
 33 Superior Court Clerks’ Retirement Fund of Georgia, audit upon request of the board or the

1 Governor, and contents of the annual report, is amended by striking said Code section in its
2 entirety and inserting in its place the following:

3 "47-14-26.

4 The state auditor is authorized and directed to make an annual audit of the acts and doings
5 of the board and to make a complete report of that audit to the General Assembly. The state
6 auditor shall not be required to distribute copies of the report to the members of the General
7 Assembly but shall notify the members of the availability of the report in the manner which
8 he or she deems to be most effective and efficient. The report shall disclose all moneys
9 received by the board and all its expenditures, including administrative expenses and
10 payments made as annuities and benefits. ~~He~~ The state auditor shall also make an audit of
11 the affairs of the board at any time when requested by a majority of the board or the
12 Governor."

13 **SECTION 35.**

14 Code Section 47-16-28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to duty of the
15 state auditor to make an annual audit and report of the operations of the Board of
16 Commissioners of the Sheriffs' Retirement Fund of Georgia, right of the state auditor to audit
17 the affairs of the board, and contents of the annual report, is amended by striking said Code
18 section in its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

19 "47-16-28.

20 The state auditor is authorized and directed to make an annual audit of the operations of the
21 board and to make a complete report of that audit to the General Assembly. The state
22 auditor shall not be required to distribute copies of the report to the members of the General
23 Assembly but shall notify the members of the availability of the report in the manner which
24 he or she deems to be most effective and efficient. The report shall disclose all moneys
25 received by the board and all expenditures made by it, including administrative expenses
26 and payments of benefits. The state auditor shall also have the right, in his or her discretion,
27 to audit the affairs of the board at any time, and he or she may also audit the affairs of the
28 board at any time, upon request of a majority of the members of the board."

29 **SECTION 36.**

30 Code Section 47-17-25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the duty of the
31 state auditor to make an annual audit and report of the Board of Commissioners of the Peace
32 Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund, audit upon request of the board, and contents of annual
33 report, is amended by striking said Code section in its entirety and inserting in its place the
34 following:

1 "47-17-25.
 2 The state auditor is authorized and directed to make an annual audit of the acts and doings
 3 of the board and to make a complete report of the same to the General Assembly. The state
 4 auditor shall not be required to distribute copies of the report to the members of the General
 5 Assembly but shall notify the members of the availability of the report in the manner which
 6 he or she deems to be most effective and efficient. The report shall disclose all moneys
 7 received by the board and all its expenditures including administrative expenses and
 8 payments made as annuities and benefits. ~~He~~ The state auditor shall also make an audit of
 9 affairs of the board at any time he or she is requested to do so by a majority of the board."

10 SECTION 37.

11 Code Section 48-2-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to powers and
 12 duties of the state revenue commissioner, is amended by striking paragraph (5) of subsection
 13 (a) of said Code section in its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

14 "(5) Submit to the Governor and to each regular session of the General Assembly an
 15 annual report of the conduct of his or her office. The commissioner shall not be required
 16 to distribute copies of the annual report to the members of the General Assembly but shall
 17 notify the members of the availability of the annual report in the manner which he or she
 18 deems to be most effective and efficient. As the chief revenue official of the state, he or
 19 she shall advise the Governor and the General Assembly on all matters relating to
 20 revenue."

21 SECTION 38.

22 Code Section 49-3-3.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the annual
 23 report from the county director of the department of family and children services and
 24 appearance before legislative delegation, is amended by striking said Code section in its
 25 entirety and inserting in its place the following:

26 "49-3-3.1.

27 (a) The county director of the department of family and children services of each county
 28 shall provide an annual report no later than December 31 of each year, beginning in the
 29 year 2000, to the county board, county commission, and the director of the Division of
 30 Family and Children Services, ~~and~~. The county director of the department of family and
 31 children services of each county shall notify each member of the General Assembly whose
 32 legislative district includes any part of that county of the availability of the annual report
 33 but shall not be required to distribute copies of the annual report to the members. The
 34 report shall include the following information for the 12 month period ending June 30 of
 35 that year:

- 1 (1) The number of children for whom the county department has received a complaint
 2 of child abuse pursuant to Code Section 19-7-5;
- 3 (2) General demographic data such as gender, race, and age regarding children specified
 4 in paragraph (1) of this subsection;
- 5 (3) The number of children taken into county department custody;
- 6 (4) The number of placements of children in county department custody by the type of
 7 placement;
- 8 (5) The length of time in county department custody by the number of children; and
- 9 (6) Any other information required by the director of the Division of Family and
 10 Children Services.
- 11 (b) A majority of the legislative delegation whose members are required to receive a ~~report~~
 12 notification pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall be authorized to require
 13 the director of the department of family and children services of the county which provided
 14 that report to appear before that delegation and to answer questions regarding that report
 15 and other matters relating to issues of child abuse and child protective services."

16 SECTION 39.

17 Code Section 49-4-183 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to administration
 18 of assistance program by department, promulgation of rules and regulations by board, and
 19 duties of the department, is amended by striking the introductory language of paragraph (3)
 20 of subsection (c) of said Code section in its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

21 "(3) Publish an annual report and such interim reports as may be necessary. The annual
 22 report and such interim reports shall be provided to the Governor and members of the
 23 General Assembly. The department shall not be required to distribute copies of the
 24 annual report or the interim reports to the members of the General Assembly but shall
 25 notify the members of the availability of the reports in the manner which it deems to be
 26 most effective and efficient. The annual report and interim reports shall and contain the
 27 following:"

28 SECTION 40.

29 Code Section 49-5-153 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual report
 30 of the Children and Youth Coordinating Council, is amended by striking said Code section
 31 in its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

32 "49-5-153.
 33 The council shall prepare an annual report on the progress of the community based
 34 programs of this state which shall include the most current institutional and out-of-home
 35 placement populations of children being served by the various departments of state

1 government and which shall include comparative costs of all children-serving agencies.
 2 Such report shall be submitted to the Governor, ~~the General Assembly~~, and the various
 3 state departments providing services to children. The council shall not be required to
 4 distribute copies of the annual report to the members of the General Assembly but shall
 5 notify the members of the availability of the report in the manner which it deems to be most
 6 effective and efficient."

7 **SECTION 41.**

8 Code Section 49-5-273 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to creation of
 9 PeachCare, availability, eligibility, payment of premiums, and enrollment, is amended by
 10 striking subsection (j) of said Code section in its entirety and inserting in its place the
 11 following:

12 "(j) The department shall publish an annual report, ~~copies~~ a copy of which shall be
 13 provided to the Governor ~~and the General Assembly~~ setting forth the number of
 14 participants in the program, the health services provided, the amount of money paid to
 15 providers, and other pertinent information with respect to the administration of the
 16 program. The department shall not be required to distribute copies of the annual report to
 17 the members of the General Assembly but shall notify the members of the availability of
 18 the report in the manner which it deems to be most effective and efficient."

19 **SECTION 42.**

20 Code Section 49-6-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual report by
 21 the Department of Human Resources with regard to services for the aging, is amended by
 22 striking said Code section in its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

23 "49-6-6.

24 It shall be the duty of the department to submit an annual report to the Governor and to
 25 notify the General Assembly of such report on or before January 1 of each year, setting
 26 forth the results of its studies, accomplishments, and recommendations, if any, for
 27 legislation. The department shall not be required to distribute copies of the annual report
 28 to the members of the General Assembly but shall notify the members of the availability
 29 of the report in the manner which it deems to be most effective and efficient."

30 **SECTION 43.**

31 Code Section 50-5-136 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to powers and
 32 authority of the State Use Council, is amended by striking paragraph (6) of subsection (b) of
 33 said Code section in its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

1 "(a) The state auditor shall make an annual audit of the books, accounts, and records of the
2 authority with respect to its receipts, disbursements, contracts, mortgages, leases,
3 assignments, loans, and all other matters relating to its financial operations. The state
4 auditor shall place the audit report on file in his or her office, make the report available for
5 inspection by the general public, and shall submit a copy of the report to the General
6 Assembly. The state auditor shall not be required to distribute copies of the audit to the
7 members of the General Assembly but shall notify the members of the availability of the
8 audit in the manner which he or she deems to be most effective and efficient."

9 **SECTION 47.**

10 Code Section 50-34-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual and
11 biannual audits and reports of the OneGeorgia Authority, is amended by striking subsection
12 (a) of said Code section in its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

13 "(a) The state auditor or an independent public accountant retained by the authority shall
14 make an annual audit of the books, accounts, and records of the authority with respect to
15 its receipts, disbursements, contracts, leases, assignments, loans, and all other matters
16 relating to its financial operations. The state auditor shall place the audit report on file in
17 his or her office, make the report available for inspection by the general public, and submit
18 a copy of the report to the General Assembly. The state auditor shall not be required to
19 distribute copies of the audit to the members of the General Assembly but shall notify the
20 members of the availability of the audit in the manner which he or she deems to be most
21 effective and efficient."

22 **SECTION 48.**

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