

House Bill 1224

By: Representatives Dollar of the 31st, Richardson of the 26th, and Keen of the 146th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions relative to the General Assembly, so as to provide that a
3 conference committee may make changes to an appropriations bill only by an amendment
4 for each line item which has been distributed to the membership for at least 24 hours; to
5 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 general provisions relative to the General Assembly, is amended by striking in its entirety
10 Code Section 28-5-4, relating to consideration of the general appropriations bill, and
11 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

12 "28-5-4.

13 (a) The general appropriations bill shall be referred by the Speaker to the Appropriations
14 Committee of the House of Representatives. In the event such bill is reported out of the
15 Appropriations Committee as 'do pass by substitute' or 'do pass as amended,' neither the
16 committee of the whole nor the House of Representatives shall consider the bill until at
17 least 24 hours after the substitute or the amendments, as the case may be, have been
18 printed and placed on the desk of each member.

19 (b) If an appropriations bill is assigned to a conference committee, any changes to the
20 bill may be made only by a separate amendment for each line item affected, and the
21 committee shall not consider an amendment until at least 24 hours after such amendment
22 has been printed and placed on the desk of each member."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.