

The Senate Natural Resources and the Environment Committee offered the following substitute to SB 530:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 12-5-33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 grants to counties, municipalities, or other public authorities for water pollution control
3 projects, so as to authorize contracts for services for the purpose of water pollution control
4 with nonprofit organizations; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

6 Code Section 12-5-33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to grants to
7 counties, municipalities, or other public authorities for water pollution control projects, is
8 amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

9 "(c) The director is authorized to enter into contracts for services for the purpose of water
10 pollution control with nonprofit organizations exempt from taxation under Section
11 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The award of any such contracts shall be
12 consistent with eligibility criteria established by the Board of Natural Resources, which at
13 a minimum shall include the following:

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- 15 (1) Nonprofit organizations applying for such service contracts funded by grants
16 pursuant to Section 319(h) of the federal Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. Section 1329, must
17 meet all applicable requirements of federal and state statutes, rules and regulations, and
18 grant guidelines relative to such funding;
 - 19 (2) Each proposed project must support the state's nonpoint source water pollution
20 control program objectives;
 - 21 (3) Any nonprofit organization that has an officer or member of its board of directors
22 serving as a member of the Board of Natural Resources shall not be eligible; and
 - 23 (4) Each nonprofit organization must comply with all applicable federal and state
24 evaluation, reporting, and auditing requirements, including without limitation progress
25 and financial reports."

SECTION 2.

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- 2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.