

The House Committee on Education offers the following substitute to SB 254:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 45-1-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 complaints or information regarding fraud, waste, and abuse in state programs and
3 operations, so as to change certain definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 45-1-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to complaints or
8 information regarding fraud, waste, and abuse in state programs and operations, is amended
9 by striking subsection (a) of said Code section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

10 "(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

11 (1) 'Public employee' means any person who is employed by the executive branch of the
12 state or by any other department, board, bureau, commission, authority, or other agency
13 of the state except the office of the Governor, the judicial branch, or the legislative
14 branch. The term also means any person who is employed by a local board of education.

15 (2) 'Public employer' means the executive branch of the state and any other department,
16 board, bureau, commission, authority, or other agency of the state which employs or
17 appoints a public employee or public employees except the office of the Governor, the
18 judicial branch, or the legislative branch. The term also means a local board of
19 education."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.