

House Bill 1718 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Effingham Family Connection Commission, approved April  
2 9, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 3922), as amended, so as to change the composition of members;  
3 to change the composition of officers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting  
4 laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 An Act creating the Effingham Family Connection Commission, approved April 9, 1999  
8 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 3922), as amended, is amended by striking Sections 1 and 2 and inserting  
9 in lieu thereof the following:

10 "SECTION 1.

11 (a) There is created the Effingham County Family Connection Commission.

12 (b) The commission shall be composed of 15 members as follows:

13 (1) One member of the Effingham County board of commissioners appointed by the  
14 board of commissioners for a term of two years;

15 (2) One member appointed by the Effingham County Board of Education for a term of  
16 two years; and

17 (3) The remaining board members shall be appointed at large by the Effingham County  
18 board of commissioners.

19 (c) Members of the commission shall receive no compensation for serving on the  
20 commission, but upon the prior approval of the commission members may be reimbursed  
21 for actual and necessary expenses incurred by them in carrying out their official duties.

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 (a) The chairperson of the Board of Commissioners of Effingham County shall call an  
24 organizational meeting of the commission after all appointments to the commission have

been made. At the organizational meeting, the commission shall elect from among its membership a chairperson, a vice chairperson, a secretary, and a treasurer. Except as otherwise provided in this Act, the terms of office of such officers and other matters relating to the organization and rules of procedure of the commission shall be as determined by the commission.

(b) Seven members of the commission plus one shall constitute a quorum. All business of the commission shall be transacted by a majority vote of those present. An abstention from voting shall be considered a negative vote on the matter in question.

(c) In the absence of the chairperson, the vice chairperson may call a meeting of the commission and shall preside over said meetings. In the absence of the chairperson and the vice chairperson, the secretary or treasurer may call meetings and shall preside over said meetings.

(d) The commission shall prepare and submit to the appointing authorities an annual report at the end of each fiscal year of the commission outlining the work of the commission and the results achieved; an annual report of the state of the children, youth, and families of the county; and an independent audit of the income and expenditures for the preceding fiscal year."

## SECTION 2.

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