

House Bill 800

By: Representative Reese of the 98th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 6 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 alimony and child support, so as to provide for a sentence of imprisonment for contempt of
3 court for failure to comply with court ordered child support or untimely compliance in certain
4 circumstances; to repeal conflicting law; and for other purpose.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Chapter 6 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alimony and
8 child support, is amended by adding a new Code section to be designated Code Section
9 19-6-36 to read as follows:

10 "19-6-36.

11 A court of competent jurisdiction shall sentence a noncustodial parent to imprisonment for
12 not less than three days upon finding the noncustodial parent in contempt of court if:

13 (1) Within a 12 month period, the noncustodial parent has failed or refused to comply
14 with the order for child support three or more times, or has been more than 30 days late
15 in complying with the order for child support three or more times; and

16 (2) There is no pending request for modification of the order for child support on the
17 grounds of the noncustodial parent's inability to comply, and the court finds that the
18 noncustodial parent is financially able to comply with the order for support."

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

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.