

House Bill 669 (RULES COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representative Martin of the 47<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 50-14-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to open  
2 meetings requirements, so as to revise a definition; to provide that certain associations of  
3 school districts in this state are subject to the open meetings statute; to repeal conflicting  
4 laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Code Section 50-14-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to open meetings  
8 requirements, is amended by striking paragraph (1) of subsection (a) and inserting in lieu  
9 thereof the following:

10 "(1) 'Agency' means:

11 (A) Every state department, agency, board, bureau, commission, public corporation,  
12 and authority;

13 (B) Every county, municipal corporation, school district, or other political subdivision  
14 of this state;

15 (C) Every department, agency, board, bureau, commission, authority, or similar body  
16 of each such county, municipal corporation, or other political subdivision of the state;

17 (D) Every city, county, regional, or other authority established pursuant to the laws of  
18 this state; ~~and~~

19 (E) Any association that has a membership body composed in part of school districts  
20 of this state, that has as its objective the encouragement of participation in athletics and  
21 fine arts through regional and state competition, and that derives a portion of its  
22 operating budget from payments from such school districts; provided, however, that  
23 each association defined in this subparagraph shall be subject to all exemptions from  
24 the requirements of this chapter and Chapter 18 of this title including, without  
25 limitation, those provided for in paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Code Section  
26 20-2-316; and

1     (F) Any nonprofit organization to which there is a direct allocation of tax funds made  
2     by the governing authority of any agency as defined in this paragraph and which  
3     allocation constitutes more than 33 1/3 percent of the funds from all sources of such  
4     organization; provided, however, this subparagraph shall not include hospitals, nursing  
5     homes, dispensers of pharmaceutical products, or any other type organization, person,  
6     or firm furnishing medical or health services to a citizen for which they receive  
7     reimbursement from the state whether directly or indirectly; nor shall this term include  
8     a subagency or affiliate of such a nonprofit organization from or through which the  
9     allocation of tax funds is made."

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**SECTION 2.**

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