

House Bill 264 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 6 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 interstate cooperation, so as to change certain provisions relating to creation and membership  
3 of the Georgia Commission on Interstate Cooperation; to provide for allowances; to change  
4 certain provisions relating to functions of the Georgia Commission on Interstate Cooperation;  
5 to change certain provisions relating to a declaration that the Council of State Governments,  
6 Council of State Governments–Clairmont Road, L.L.C., and Southern Legislative  
7 Conference are joint governmental agencies of this state; to provide that certain organizations  
8 are joint governmental agencies of this state; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
9 purposes.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

12 Chapter 6 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to interstate  
13 cooperation, is amended by striking Code Section 28-6-2, relating to creation and  
14 membership of the Georgia Commission on Interstate Cooperation, and inserting in lieu  
15 thereof the following:

16 "28-6-2.

17 (a) There is established the Georgia Commission on Interstate Cooperation. The  
18 commission shall be composed of ~~15~~ 10 regular members:

- 19 (1) The five members of the Senate Committee on Interstate Cooperation; and  
20 (2) The five members of the House Committee on Interstate Cooperation; ~~and~~  
21 (3) ~~The five members of the Governor's Committee on Interstate Cooperation.~~

22 (b) The Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
23 Representatives shall be ex officio honorary nonvoting members of this commission. ~~The~~  
24 ~~chairman of the Governor's Committee on Interstate Cooperation shall be ex officio~~  
25 ~~chairman of this commission.~~

1 (c) The five members of the Governor's Committee on Interstate Cooperation shall serve  
 2 in an advisory capacity to the commission."

3 **SECTION 2.**

4 Said chapter is further amended by striking Code Section 28-6-3, relating to functions of the  
 5 Georgia Commission on Interstate Cooperation, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:  
 6 "28-6-3.

7 It shall be the function of the commission to:

8 (1) Carry forward the participation of this state as a member of ~~the Council of State~~  
 9 ~~Governments and of the Southern Legislative Conference~~ any regional, national, or  
 10 international organization that promotes interstate or international cooperation;

11 (2) Encourage and assist the legislative, executive, administrative, and judicial officials  
 12 and employees of this state to develop and maintain friendly contact by correspondence,  
 13 by conference, and otherwise with officials and employees of the other states, of the  
 14 federal government, and of local units of government;

15 (3) Endeavor to advance cooperation between this state and other units of government  
 16 whenever it seems advisable to do so by formulating proposals for and by facilitating:

17 (A) The adoption of compacts;

18 (B) The enactment of uniform or reciprocal statutes;

19 (C) The adoption of uniform or reciprocal administrative rules and regulations;

20 (D) The informal cooperation of governmental offices with one another;

21 (E) The personal cooperation of governmental officials and employees with one  
 22 another;

23 (F) The interchange and clearance of research and information; and

24 (G) Any other suitable process; and

25 (4) Do all such acts as will, in the opinion of the commission, enable this state to do its  
 26 part or more in forming a more perfect union among the various governments in the  
 27 United States and in promoting international relations by developing the Council of State  
 28 Governments legislative organizations for that purpose such purposes."

29 **SECTION 3.**

30 Said chapter is further amended by striking Code Section 28-6-7, relating to a declaration  
 31 that the Council of State Governments, Council of State Governments–Clairmont Road,  
 32 L.L.C., and Southern Legislative Conference are joint governmental agencies of this state,  
 33 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

1 "28-6-7.  
2 ~~The Council of State Governments, the Council of State Governments - Clairmont Road,~~  
3 ~~L. L. C. (of which the Council of State Governments is the sole member), and the Southern~~  
4 ~~Legislative Conference are each~~ Any organization in which this state is a participant  
5 pursuant to paragraph (1) of Code Section 28-6-3 and which has its regional or national  
6 headquarters located in this state is declared to be a joint governmental agency of this state  
7 and of the other states which cooperate through it."

8 **SECTION 4.**  
9 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.