

The House Committee on Judiciary Non-civil offers the following substitute to HB 954:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to offenses against public transportation, so as to provide for circumstances under
3 which it is unlawful to alter a public transportation fare medium or enter buses, rail vehicles,
4 or stations without payment of the proper fare to the public transportation provider; to
5 provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
6 other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
10 offenses against public transportation, is amended by striking in its entirety Code Section
11 16-12-120.1, relating to altered fare coins, notes, tokens, transfers, and transaction cards and
12 the sale or exchange of tokens, transfers, transaction cards, or tickets without consent, and
13 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

14 "16-12-120.1.

15 A person who commits or attempts to commit any of the following acts shall be guilty of
16 a misdemeanor if such person:

17 (1) Sells, makes, or possesses any coin, ~~note~~, token, stored value card, transfer,
18 transaction card, ticket, or ~~similar article~~ any other fare medium which has been altered
19 from its original condition contrary to its intended use to enter or gain entry into or on
20 any bus, rail vehicle, or station;

21 ~~(2) Sells or exchanges any token, transfer, transaction card, ticket, fare medium, or~~
22 ~~similar article used or to be used as payment for entry into or on any bus, rail vehicle, or~~
23 ~~terminal without the express consent of the public transit agency owning or operating~~
24 ~~such vehicles or stations;~~

