

House Bill 1067 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Forster of the 3rd, Davis of the 109th, Manning of the 32nd, and Fludd of the 66th

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 the membership of the
3 Georgia Commission on Interstate Cooperation; to define a certain term; to provide for
4 allowances; to change certain provisions relating to functions of the Georgia Commission on
5 Interstate Cooperation; to change certain provisions relating to a declaration that the Council
6 of State Governments, Council of State Governments–Clairmont Road, L.L.C., and Southern
7 Legislative Conference are joint governmental agencies of this state; to provide that certain
8 organizations are joint governmental agencies of this state; to repeal conflicting laws; and
9 for other 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 regular members:

- 19 (1) The five members of the Senate Committee on Interstate Cooperation;
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 chairperson of the Senate Committee on Interstate Cooperation and the
23 chairperson of the House Committee on Interstate Cooperation shall be cochairpersons of
24 the commission.

25 (c) The Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
26 Representatives shall be ex officio honorary nonvoting members of this commission. ~~The~~

1 ~~chairman of the Governor's Committee on Interstate Cooperation shall be ex officio~~
 2 ~~chairman of this commission."~~

3 **SECTION 2.**

4 Said chapter is further amended by inserting following Code Section 28-6-1 a new Code
 5 section to read as follows:

6 "28-6-1.1.

7 As used in this chapter, the term 'nonpartisan legislative organization' means an
 8 organization whose membership is limited to legislators and which does not align itself
 9 with and is not funded by a political party."

10 **SECTION 3.**

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

13 "28-6-3.

14 It shall be the function of the commission to:

15 (1) Carry forward the participation of this state as a member of ~~the Council of State~~
 16 ~~Governments and of the Southern Legislative Conference~~ any regional, national, or
 17 international nonpartisan legislative organization that promotes interstate or international
 18 cooperation;

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

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

25 (A) The adoption of compacts;

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

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

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

29 (E) The personal cooperation of governmental officials and employees with one
 30 another;

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

32 (G) Any other suitable process; and

33 (4) Do all such acts as will, in the opinion of the commission, enable this state to do its
 34 part or more in forming a more perfect union among the various governments in the

1 United States and in promoting international relations by developing the Council of State
 2 Governments nonpartisan legislative organizations for that purpose such purposes."

3 **SECTION 4.**

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

8 "28-6-7.

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

15 **SECTION 5.**

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