

House Bill 1536

By: Representatives Chambers of the 81st, Geisinger of the 48th, and Wilkinson of the 52nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 32-9-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 financial assistance by the Department of Transportation to mass transportation systems, so
3 as to provide that any mass transportation system whose primary goal is the movement of
4 passengers on a fixed route bus or rail transit system, which system receives state financial
5 assistance through any of the various means available to the State of Georgia to provide for
6 same, shall provide free transfers between and among other transit agencies which connect
7 to said systems; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal
8 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

11 Code Section 32-9-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to financial
12 assistance by the Department of Transportation to mass transportation systems, is amended
13 by striking paragraph (3) of subsection (c) in its entirety and inserting in its place the
14 following:

15 "(3) The department's participation with state funds in those programs specified in
16 paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection may be in either cash, products, or in-kind
17 services. The department's participation with state funds shall be limited to a maximum
18 of 15 percent of the cost of the program. The remainder shall be provided from sources
19 other than department funds or from revenues from the operation of public mass
20 transportation systems. Funds provided under this subsection to mass transportation
21 systems engaged primarily in the movement of passengers on fixed route bus or rail
22 service may be granted only when free transfers are granted by said systems to passengers
23 of other mass transportation systems who seek to transfer onto the system receiving
24 financial assistance under this subsection at transfer points connecting both systems."

1 **SECTION 2.**

2 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2006.

3 **SECTION 3.**

4 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.