

House Bill 1596

By: Representative Smith of the 113<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 16 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to state properties, so as to change provisions relating to administrative space  
3 management; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
4 purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 2 of Chapter 16 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
8 state properties, is amended by striking subsection (b) of Code Section 50-16-41, relating to  
9 the state management of administrative space utilization, and inserting a new subsection (b)  
10 to read as follows:

11 "(b) The commission is given the authority and charged with the duty of managing the  
12 utilization of administrative space by all state entities, except that the Board of Regents of  
13 the University System of Georgia ~~and the Georgia Department of Labor~~ may manage ~~their~~  
14 its own space but only for leases that are within the State of Georgia and required for ~~their~~  
15 its core mission. The commission shall manage in a manner that is the most cost efficient  
16 and operationally effective and which provides decentralization of state government. Such  
17 management shall include the authority to assign and reassign administrative space to state  
18 entities based on the needs of the entities as determined by standards for administrative  
19 space utilization promulgated by the commission pursuant to subsection (g) of this Code  
20 section and shall include the obligation to advise the Office of Planning and Budget and  
21 state entities of cost-effective, decentralized alternatives."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.