

The House Committee on State Planning and Community Affairs - Local Legislation offers the following substitute to HB 1645:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To create the Northeastern Judicial Circuit Public Defender Study Commission; to provide
2 for the appointment of members; to provide for meetings and operations; to provide for
3 powers, duties, and authority of the commission; to provide for automatic repeal; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 (a) There is created the Northeastern Judicial Circuit Public Defender Study Commission
8 to be composed of eight members as follows: the members of the House of Representatives
9 from the 25th, 26th, 27th, and 31st House districts; the member of the Senate from the 49th
10 Senate district; the sheriff of Hall County or his or her designee; the district attorney for the
11 Northeastern Judicial Circuit or his or her designee; and the circuit public defender for the
12 Northeastern Judicial Circuit or his or her designee.

13 (b) The chairperson of the Hall County legislative delegation shall call the first meeting.
14 The members of the commission shall appoint a chairperson of the commission from among
15 their members and such chairperson shall call all future meetings.

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 (a) The commission shall undertake a study of issues and concerns related to the
18 effectiveness and efficiency of the office of the circuit public defender in the Northeastern
19 Judicial Circuit as to the operations of such office relative to Hall County.

20 (b) The commission shall make a report of its findings and recommendations, with
21 suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, on or before December 1, 2006.

22 (c) The members of the commission shall receive no compensation or expenses for their
23 services.

1 **SECTION 3.**

2 This Act shall stand repealed in its entirety on December 1, 2006.

3 **SECTION 4.**

4 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.