

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 45-1-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to complaints or information from public employees as to fraud, waste, and abuse in state programs and operations, so as to change certain definitions to include a broader list of employees, officials, and administrators who may be protected by the provisions of this Code section; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 45-1-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to complaints or information from public employees as to fraud, waste, and abuse in state programs and operations, is amended by revising paragraphs (3) and (4) of subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(3) 'Public employee' means any person who is employed by the executive, judicial, or legislative branch of the state or by any other department, board, bureau, commission, authority, or other agency of the state. This term also includes all employees, officials, and administrators of any agency covered under the State Merit System of Personnel Administration and any local or regional governmental entity that receives any funds from the State of Georgia or any state agency.

(4) 'Public employer' means the executive, judicial, or legislative branch of the state or any other department, board, bureau, commission, authority, or other agency of the state which employs or appoints a public employee or public employees; or any local or regional governmental entity that receives any funds from the State of Georgia or any state agency."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.