

House Bill 258

By: Representatives Jacobs of the 80th, Walker of the 107th, Geisinger of the 48th, Davis of the 109th, Bearden of the 68th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 50-8-7.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 general powers and duties of the Department of Community Affairs, so as to provide that
3 planning procedures with respect to developments of regional impact shall include at least
4 one public hearing; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Code Section 50-8-7.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general powers
8 and duties of the Department of Community Affairs, is amended by revising paragraph (3)
9 of subsection (b) as follows:

10 "(3) The department shall develop planning procedures with respect to regionally
11 important resources, for planning with respect to developments of regional impact, and
12 for encouraging interjurisdictional cooperation among local governments; provided,
13 however, that planning procedures with respect to a development of regional impact shall
14 include at least one public hearing held in the local jurisdiction where the development
15 of regional impact is located after adequate notice has been given. The department shall
16 determine, in its judgment and for each region, what shall constitute developments of
17 regional impact. Such determinations by the department shall be made for each region
18 after receiving any necessary information from the regional development center for the
19 region, from local governments within the region, and from others within the region. The
20 department's determinations shall be publicly promulgated, using such means as the
21 commissioner may determine, so that all local governments within a region will receive
22 notice of the department's determinations affecting that region; and"

23 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.