

Senate Bill 225

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 redevelopment powers, so as require training with respect to redevelopment powers,
3 programs, and tax allocation districts; to create the Redevelopment Powers Training Board;
4 to provide for members, powers, duties, and authority; to provide for funding; to provide for
5 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to redevelopment
9 powers, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

10 "36-44-5.1.

11 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'board' means the Redevelopment Powers
12 Training Board created pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section.

13 (b) There is created the Redevelopment Powers Training Board. The board shall consist
14 of seven members and shall be composed of the commissioner of community affairs, the
15 president of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia, the executive director of
16 the Association County Commissioners of Georgia, the president of the Georgia Municipal
17 Association, the executive director of the Georgia Municipal Association, the president of
18 the Georgia School Board Association, and the executive director of the Georgia School
19 Board Association.

20 (c)(1) The board shall have the power, duty, and authority to design, implement, and
21 administer the course of training and education required under this Code section.

22 (2) The board may conduct such course of training in conjunction with the Carl Vinson
23 Institute of Government, the Georgia Institute of Technology, or any other appropriate
24 educational institution. The board may authorize joint or separate training programs for
25 municipal officials, county officials, and school board members so that such training
26 under this Code section may be held in conjunction with the Georgia County Leadership

1 Academy under Chapter 20 of this title or the Harold F. Holz Municipal Training Institute
2 under Chapter 45 of this title.

3 (d) At any time after the passage of a local Act approving the exercise of redevelopment
4 powers under this chapter and prior to the date of the public hearing on the proposed
5 redevelopment plan, but no later than 12 months after the date of approval of the
6 referendum required under Code Section 36-44-22, each member of the redevelopment
7 agency, each member of the local legislative body, and each member of the affected local
8 board of education shall attend and complete at least six hours of training on
9 redevelopment powers and programs and tax allocation districts.

10 (e)(1) With respect to any tax allocation district in effect on July 1, 2007, the training
11 required under this Code section shall be completed prior to the approval of any new
12 project in such district.

13 (2) Any member required to attend training pursuant to this Code section shall not be
14 required to attend additional training under this Code section with respect to the
15 preparation of any future proposed redevelopment plan or the approval of any future
16 project.

17 (f)(1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, all costs of
18 operating and conducting the training program shall be paid for from public funds
19 appropriated for such purposes.

20 (2) The board may accept appropriations, grants, gifts, donations, or contributions from
21 the federal government; the state government; any county, municipal, or local
22 government; any board, bureau, commission, agency, or establishment of any such
23 government; any other organization, firm, or corporation, public or private; and any
24 individual or groups of individuals in furtherance of the services, purposes, duties,
25 responsibilities, or functions vested in the board.

26 (g) The board is authorized to make such contracts, leases, or agreements as may be
27 necessary and convenient to carry out the duties and purposes for which the board is
28 created. The board is authorized to enter into contracts, leases, or agreements with any
29 person, firm, or corporation, public or private, upon such terms and for such purposes as
30 may be deemed advisable by the board.

31 (h) The board shall establish guidelines and procedures to permit any person who is unable
32 to attend or complete the course of training and education when offered by the board due
33 to medical disability, providential cause, or any other reason deemed sufficient by the
34 board to comply with the requirements of this Code section

35 (i) The board is assigned to the Department of Community Affairs for administrative
36 purposes only, as prescribed in Code Section 50-4-3."

- 1 **SECTION 2.**
- 2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.