

House Bill 1292

By: Representatives Powell of the 171st, Houston of the 170th, and Rynders of the 152nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to create the Colquitt County Family Connection Collaborative on Children
2 and Families, approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 4117), so as to change the
3 membership; to change the quorum; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

6 An Act to create the Colquitt County Family Connection Collaborative on Children and
7 Families, approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 4117), is amended by revising Section
8 5 as follows:

9 style="text-align:center">"SECTION 5.

10 style="text-align:center">Membership.

11 (a) The commission shall be composed of 35 members. Eleven members shall serve by
12 virtue of their offices; provided, however, that in the event any such office becomes
13 inactive or is abolished, the commission may reduce its membership and adjust the quorum
14 accordingly. Three members shall be elected officials, one each from the Colquitt County
15 Board of Commissioners, the City of Moultrie City Council, and the Colquitt County Board
16 of Education. Twenty-one members shall be appointed from the community.

17 (b)(1) The following members shall serve by virtue of their offices:

18 (A) The Colquitt County administrator;

19 (B) The City of Moultrie city manager;

20 (C) The superintendent of Colquitt County schools;

21 (D) The director of the Colquitt County Public Health Department;

22 (E) The director of the Colquitt County Department of Family and Children Services;

23 (F) The director of the Colquitt County Department of Labor;

24 (G) The director of the Southwest Georgia Community Action Council;

25 (H) The president of the Moultrie-Colquitt County Chamber of Commerce or his or her
26 designee;

27 (I) The director of the Colquitt County United Way;

28 (J) The director of the Moultrie Housing Authority; and

29 (K) The president of Moultrie Technical College.

30 (2) Members serving by virtue of their offices shall serve on the collaborative for the
31 terms of the positions they hold and shall be replaced on the collaborative by their
32 successors in these positions.

33 (c)(1)(A) One member shall be a member of the Colquitt County Board of
34 Commissioners appointed by the board;

35 (B) One member shall be a member of the City of Moultrie City Council appointed by
36 the council; and

37 (C) One member shall be a member of the Colquitt County Board of Education
38 appointed by the board.

39 (2) Elected officials shall serve on the collaborative for terms of two years and may be
40 reappointed for additional terms by their respective boards. If an elected official's term
41 of office as an elected official expires during his or her appointed term on the
42 collaborative and the elected official is not reelected, then the appointing authority shall
43 appoint another elected official to fill the unexpired term on the collaborative.

44 (d)(1) Community members shall include one or more members appointed from
45 executives in the business community in the county, one or more members appointed
46 from the boards of civic organizations in the county, one or more members appointed
47 from the boards of private social service providers in the county, one or more members
48 appointed from the vulnerable neighborhoods in the county or consumers of social
49 services, one or more members appointed from advocates for children and families in the
50 county, and one or more members appointed from the faith community in the county.

51 (2) The Colquitt County Board of Commissioners, the mayor and council of the City of
52 Moultrie, and the Colquitt County Board of Education will each appoint seven
53 community members as follows:

54 (A) One family representative from a vulnerable neighborhood or who is a consumer
55 of social services;

56 (B) One executive from the Colquitt County business community;

57 (C) One member from a local civic organization;

58 (D) One citizen who is an advocate for children and families in Colquitt County;

59 (E) Two representatives from a private or other social service provider or educational
60 institution not otherwise included in the collaborative by virtue of their office; and

61 (F) One representative from the youth or advocates for the youth of Colquitt County.

62 (3) Of the community members first appointed, one-half shall be appointed for initial
63 terms of one year and one-half shall be appointed for initial terms of two years.
64 Successors to all such members and future successors shall be appointed for terms of two
65 years.
66 (e) Members of the collaborative shall receive no compensation for serving on the
67 collaborative but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred by them
68 in carrying out their official duties."

69 **SECTION 2.**

70 Said Act is further amended by revising Section 6 as follows:

71 "SECTION 6.

72 Organization; meetings.

73 (a) The organizational meeting of the collaborative shall be called by the chairperson of
74 the Colquitt County Board of Commissioners after all appointments to the collaborative
75 have been made. At the organizational meeting, the collaborative shall adopt bylaws and
76 elect from the collaborative membership a chairperson, vice chairperson, and
77 secretary-treasurer. Except as otherwise provided in this Act, the terms of office of such
78 officers and all other matters relating to the organization and rules of procedure of the
79 collaborative shall be as specified in the bylaws of the collaborative.

80 (b) One-third of the members of the collaborative shall constitute a quorum for the
81 transaction of business. Every member shall vote except in the case of a conflict of interest.

82 (c) The collaborative shall not meet less frequently than once every two calendar months
83 and at other times on the call of the chairperson of the collaborative. In the absence of the
84 chairperson, the vice chairperson may call a meeting of the collaborative and preside at
85 such meeting. In the absence of the chairperson and vice chairperson, the
86 secretary-treasurer may call a meeting of the collaborative and preside at such meeting.
87 The chairperson or other officer of the collaborative authorized to call a meeting of the
88 collaborative shall call other meetings upon written request of one or more members of the
89 collaborative."

90 **SECTION 2.**

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