

Senate Bill 380

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AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Part 2 of Article 1 of Chapter 23 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to the water supply division of the Georgia Environmental Facilities
3 Authority, so as to provide that the division shall have the authority to make loans and grants
4 to local governments for the expansion of existing reservoirs; to provide criteria; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 2 of Article 1 of Chapter 23 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
9 relating to the water supply division of the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority, is
10 amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

11 "50-23-28.1.

12 (a) The division may make loans and grants to a local government to pay all or any part
13 of the cost of expanding and increasing the capacity of existing reservoirs. Such loans and
14 grants shall be made as provided in Code Section 50-23-6. The criteria used in
15 consideration for requests for assistance shall include, but not be limited to:

16 (1) The effect of recurring drought on the region;

17 (2) Interconnectivity of the requesting entity's water supply system with one or more
18 surrounding local governments;

19 (3) Facilitating public-private partnerships; and

20 (4) Unique regional conditions.

21 (b) Beginning in 2010, on July 1 of each year in which adequate funds are available, the
22 division shall give public notice that it will accept applications for loans and grants as
23 provided in subsection (a) of this Code section. All such requests shall be submitted to the
24 division not later than September 1 of that year, and awards shall be made by October 1 of
25 that year."

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SECTION 2.

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.