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Senators Butler of the 55th, Tate of the 38th and Brown of the 26th offered the following amendment:

1 *Amend HB 1272 by inserting immediately preceding Section 2 on page 2 the following:*

2 (d) Contributions to the fund shall be deemed supplemental to and shall in no way supplant
 3 funding that would otherwise be appropriated for these purposes. Contributions shall only
 4 be used for research and for administrative costs authorized in paragraph (2) of
 5 subsection (e) of this Code section and shall not be used for personnel or administrative
 6 positions. The department shall prepare, by February 1 of each year, an accounting of the
 7 moneys received and expended from the fund and a review and evaluation of all expended
 8 moneys of the fund. The report shall be made available to the Governor, the Lieutenant
 9 Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the members of the Board of
 10 Human Services, and, upon request, to members of the public.

11 (e)(1) Each Georgia individual income tax return form for taxable years beginning on or
 12 after January 1, 2010, shall contain appropriate language, to be determined by the state
 13 revenue commissioner, offering the taxpayer the opportunity to contribute to the Multiple
 14 Sclerosis Research Program Fund established in subsection (c) of this Code section by
 15 either donating all or any part of any tax refund due, by authorizing a reduction in the
 16 refund check otherwise payable, or by contributing any amount over and above any
 17 amount of tax owed by adding that amount to the taxpayer's payment. The instructions
 18 accompanying the individual income tax return form shall contain a description of the
 19 purposes for which this fund was established and the intended use of moneys received
 20 from the contributions. Each taxpayer required to file a state individual income tax return
 21 who desires to contribute to such fund may designate such contribution as provided in
 22 this Code section on the appropriate individual income tax return form.

23 (2) The Department of Revenue shall determine annually the total amount so contributed,
 24 shall withhold therefrom a reasonable amount for administering this voluntary
 25 contribution program, and shall transmit the balance to the department for deposit in the
 26 fund established in subsection (c) of this Code section; provided, however, that the
 27 amount retained for administrative costs, including implementation costs, shall not
 28 exceed \$50,000.00 per year. If, in any tax year, the administrative costs of such
 29 department for collecting contributions pursuant to this Code section exceed the sum of
 30 such contributions, the administrative costs which such department is authorized to
 31 withhold from such contributions shall not exceed the sum of such contributions."