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Senators Heath of the 31st, Rogers of the 21st, Chance of the 16th, Staton of the 18th, Seabaugh of the 28th and others 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. The department shall
 4 prepare, by February 1 of each year, an accounting of the moneys received in the fund and
 5 deposited in the general fund. The report shall be made available to the Governor, the
 6 Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the members of the
 7 Board of Human Services, and, upon request, to members of the public.

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

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