

**ADOPTED**

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 following Section 1 on page 2:*

**SECTION 1A.**

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3 Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is  
4 amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

5 "48-7-64.

6 (a) The General Assembly finds that it is in the best interest of the state to provide for  
7 opportunities to enhance the general welfare of the state. In addition to and as a  
8 supplement to traditional financing of the general welfare, it is the policy of this state to  
9 enable and encourage citizens voluntarily to support the general welfare of the state.

10 (b) To support the general welfare of the state, the department may, without limitation,  
11 promote and solicit voluntary contributions through the individual income tax return  
12 contribution mechanism established in subsection (e) of this Code section or through any  
13 fund raising or other promotional techniques deemed appropriate by the department.

14 (c) There is established a special fund to be known as the 'General Welfare Contribution  
15 Fund.' This fund shall consist of all moneys contributed under subsection (b) of this Code  
16 section, all moneys transferred to the department under subsection (e) of this Code section,  
17 and any other moneys contributed to this fund. All balances in the fund shall be deposited  
18 in an interest-bearing account identifying the fund and shall periodically be deposited by  
19 the commissioner in the general treasury.