

The House Committee on Governmental Affairs offers the following substitute to SB 70:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to campaign contributions under the "Ethics in Government Act," so as to revise
3 provisions relating to prohibitions against campaign contributions by regulated entities to
4 their elected regulators; to revise provisions relating to contributions by officers and
5 employees of regulated entities; to require disclosure report identification of contributions
6 by officers and employees; to prohibit elected regulators from soliciting contributions from
7 officers and employees; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
8 other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

11 Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
12 campaign contributions under the "Ethics in Government Act," is amended in Code Section
13 21-5-30.1, relating to prohibited contributions by regulated entities to elected executive
14 officers or candidates, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

15 "(d) Nothing contained in this Code section shall be construed to prevent any person who
16 may be employed by a regulated entity, including a person in whose name a license or lease
17 is held, or who is an officer of a regulated entity from voluntarily making a campaign
18 contribution from that person's personal funds to or on behalf of a person holding office as
19 an elected executive officer regulating such entity or to or on behalf of a candidate for the
20 office of an elected executive officer regulating such entity or to or on behalf of a campaign
21 committee of any such candidate; provided, however, that:

22 (1) The elected executive officer or candidate receiving one or more campaign
23 contributions described in this subsection shall in his or her disclosure report under Code
24 Section 21-5-34 separately identify each contribution and the total of contributions which
25 he or she knows or should have reason to know are described in this subsection;

26 (2) It shall be unlawful for an elected executive officer to knowingly solicit a campaign
27 contribution described in this subsection; and
28 (3) It shall be unlawful and a violation of this Code section for any regulated entity or
29 other person to require another by coercive action to make any such contribution."

30 **SECTION 2.**

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