

Senate Bill 380

By: Senators Pearson of the 51st, Tolleson of the 20th, Butterworth of the 50th, Bulloch of the 11th and Weber of the 40th

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 permitted reservoirs. Such
14 loans and 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) The division shall issue requests for proposals not later than July 1, 2010. All such
22 proposals shall be submitted to the division not later than September 1, 2010. Awards shall
23 be made not later than October 1, 2010."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.