

Senate Bill 413

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to management of budgetary and financial affairs, so as to provide a short  
3 title; to provide that each budget unit shall submit with its budget submission a summary of  
4 all moneys spent by it or otherwise passed through it during the previous and current fiscal  
5 years; to provide for the contents of such summary; to provide for a reduction in  
6 appropriations for failure to provide such summary; to provide for related matters; to repeal  
7 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Truth in Spending Act."

11 **SECTION 2.**

12 Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
13 relating to heads of budget units to submit annual estimates, is amended by adding a new  
14 subsection to Code Section 45-12-78, relating to heads of budget units to submit annual  
15 estimates, to read as follows:

16 "(f)(1) Each budgetary unit, except the General Assembly, shall include with its budget  
17 submission a summary of all moneys that were spent or otherwise passed through the  
18 budget unit during the preceding fiscal year and an estimate of the moneys projected to  
19 be spent or otherwise pass through the budget unit for the current fiscal year. All such  
20 spending and handling and estimates of such spending and handling shall be divided into  
21 major product and service categories and further expressed in unit costs, and the unit cost  
22 totals shall equal the total amount of moneys that were spent by or otherwise passed  
23 through the budget unit or that were projected to be spent or otherwise pass through the  
24 budget unit, as applicable. Such summary shall also be submitted to the Appropriations

25 Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than September 1  
26 of each year.

27 (2) The General Assembly shall reduce the appropriations for the ensuing year by an  
28 amount equal to at least 10 percent of the allocation for the fiscal year preceding the  
29 current fiscal year for the funding of each budget unit that fails to provide the summary  
30 required by paragraph (1) of this subsection."

31 **SECTION 3.**

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