

House Bill 188

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 50-6-32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 "Transparency in Government Act," so as to provide for additional information required to  
3 be provided on the public information website of the Department of Audits and Accounts;  
4 to change the short title; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 50-6-32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
9 "Transparency in Government Act," is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:  
10 "(a) This Code section shall be known and may be cited as the 'Transparency and  
11 Accountability in Government Act.'"

12 **SECTION 2.**

13 Said Code section is further amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

14 "(h)(1) The department shall develop and add to the searchable website a report which  
15 shall be updated at a minimum of every five days during the time period each year which  
16 the General Assembly has convened in a regular session.

17 (2) The report shall include a comprehensive itemization of all appropriations in the  
18 current bill, if any, seeking to amend the Budget Act for the current fiscal year and the  
19 current bill seeking to make and provide appropriations for the fiscal year immediately  
20 following the current fiscal year which appropriations consist of:

21 (A) The construction or renovation of any project; or

22 (B) The financing or refinancing of projects through general obligation bonds.

23 (3) For any appropriation identified under paragraph (2) of this subsection, the report  
24 shall indicate for each such appropriation the following:

25 (A) The fiscal year in which the item would be funded;

- 26 (B) The number of the bill for which the request is made, if available;  
27 (C) The amount of the appropriation;  
28 (D) The name of the department or agency, and the account or program, through which  
29 the item will be funded;  
30 (E) The name and the district of each member of the House of Representatives and  
31 Senate in which the appropriation is to be expended;  
32 (F) The name and address of the intended recipient;  
33 (G) The type of organization (public, private nonprofit, or private for profit entity) of  
34 the intended recipient;  
35 (H) The project name, description, and estimated completion date;  
36 (I) A justification of the benefit to taxpayers;  
37 (J) Whether the request is for a continuing project and, if so, when funds were first  
38 appropriated for such project;  
39 (K) A description, if applicable, of all nonstate sources of funding; and  
40 (L) Its current status in the legislative process."

41 **SECTION 3.**

42 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
43 without such approval.

44 **SECTION 4.**

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