

House Bill 441

By: Representatives Maddox of the 127th, Golick of the 34th, Jacobs of the 80th, Ramsey of the 72nd, Lane of the 167th, and others

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Chapter 15 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 Attorney General, so as to provide for certain requirements relating to the Attorney General's
3 authorization to employ private counsel; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
4 laws; and for other purposes.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 15 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Attorney
8 General, is amended by revising Code Section 45-15-4, relating to the Attorney General's
9 authorization to employ private counsel, as follows:

10 "45-15-4.

11 (a) The Attorney General, upon the request of any department, office, officer, institution,
12 commission, committee, board, or other agency of any branch of the government of the
13 state or any instrumentality thereof, ~~is~~ shall be authorized to select and employ private
14 counsel to perform legal services for such department, office, officer, institution,
15 commission, committee, board, or other agency of any branch of the government of the
16 state or any instrumentality thereof.

17 (b) Copies of any contract for services executed between the Attorney General and private
18 counsel pursuant to this Code section shall be posted on the Attorney General's website for
19 public inspection within five business days after the date the contract is executed and shall
20 remain on the website for the duration of the contract, including any extensions or
21 amendments to the contract. Any payment of fees pursuant to such contracts shall be
22 posted on the Attorney General's website within 15 days after the payment of such fees to
23 the private attorney and shall remain posted on the website for at least 365 days thereafter."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.