

The House Committee on Budget & Fiscal Affairs Oversight offers the following substitute to HB 33:

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, known as the "Budget Act," so as to provide for the application of zero-base  
3 budgeting to the budget process; to provide for analysis of departmental and program  
4 objectives; to provide for consideration of alternative funding levels; to provide for  
5 departmental priority lists; to provide for automatic repeal; to amend Title 28 of the Official  
6 Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, so as to authorize the creation  
7 of the Joint Legislative Budget Office as a successor to the Senate Budget Office and the  
8 House Budget Office; to make conforming amendments in numerous Code sections referring  
9 to legislative budget offices and, in particular, to amend Title 8 of the Official Code of  
10 Georgia Annotated, relating to buildings; Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
11 relating to courts; Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education;  
12 Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to law enforcement; Title 45 of  
13 the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers; and Title 50 of the  
14 Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to provide for and  
15 reflect the foregoing; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal  
16 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**PART I**

**SECTION 1-1.**

20 Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
21 known as the "Budget Act," is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

22 "45-12-75.1.

23 (a) The Governor in preparing his or her budget report under Code Section 45-12-75, and  
24 budget units in preparing their budget estimates under Code Section 45-12-78, shall make  
25 use of zero-base budgeting as provided in this Code section. The requirements of this Code

26 section shall apply with respect to the budget report presented to the General Assembly in  
27 January of 2012 and each year thereafter.

28 (b) It is the intent of this Code section that in any given year the Governor's budget report  
29 shall include zero-base budgeting for the agencies and programs as identified by the Joint  
30 Fiscal Affairs Subcommittee composed of the Fiscal Affairs Subcommittee of the Senate  
31 and the Fiscal Affairs Subcommittee of the House of Representatives as created in Code  
32 Section 28-5-20. The Joint Fiscal Affairs Subcommittee shall require each agency to use  
33 zero-base budgeting at least once every six years and shall not require any agency or  
34 program to use zero-base budgeting more often than once every four years. The Joint  
35 Fiscal Affairs Subcommittee shall balance the number of agencies and programs submitting  
36 zero-base budgets with staff available for preparing a budget and staff available for  
37 conducting review and analysis of the budget submission. The Governor and the Office  
38 of Planning and Budget shall prescribe the forms and format for zero-base budgets and  
39 serve as the entity designated for coordinating the preparation of zero-base budgets by the  
40 executive branch.

41 (c) In the years in which zero-base budgeting applies, each budget unit shall include in its  
42 budget estimate an analysis summarizing the prior two fiscal years and proposed spending  
43 plans by program, object class, and revenue source. Information presented shall include  
44 the following:

45 (1) A statement of the budget unit's departmental and program purposes; effectiveness,  
46 efficiency, and equity measures; and program size indicators; and

47 (2) A priority listing encompassing all alternative funding levels for all programs.

48 (d) In the years in which an agency or program submits a zero-base budget, the Governor  
49 shall include in the budget report relevant materials related to each budget unit's submission  
50 under subsection (c) of this Code section and such other relevant material as deemed  
51 appropriate by the Governor.

52 (e) Without in any way limiting the generality of the other provisions of this Code section,  
53 it is specifically provided that the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia  
54 shall be a budget unit subject to this Code section and the programs of the board of regents  
55 shall be periodically subject to zero-base budgeting as provided for in this Code section and  
56 in keeping with the Constitution.

57 (f) Without in any way limiting the generality of the other provisions of this Code section,  
58 it is specifically provided that in the budget report presented to the General Assembly in  
59 January of 2012 the Department of Education's budget shall be submitted as a zero-base  
60 budget according to the guidelines contained in this Code section.

61 (g) The judicial branch is encouraged to participate in the zero-base budgeting process.

62 (h) The Joint Fiscal Affairs Subcommittee, as authorized under Code Section 28-5-23, may  
 63 review all information and materials related to any zero-base budget request to include  
 64 hearings as necessary.

65 (i) The Office of Planning and Budget and the Joint Fiscal Affairs Subcommittee shall  
 66 maintain effectiveness, efficiency, and equity measures related to zero-base budgeting.

67 (j) This Code section shall be automatically repealed on June 30, 2019, unless reauthorized  
 68 by the General Assembly."

69 **PART II**

70 **SECTION 2-1.**

71 Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, is  
 72 amended by revising Code Section 28-5-6, relating to the Senate Budget Office and the  
 73 House Budget Office, as follows:

74 "28-5-6.

75 ~~(a) The Senate is authorized to establish and provide for a Senate Budget Office. The~~  
 76 ~~House of Representatives is authorized to establish and provide for a House Budget Office~~  
 77 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives are authorized by  
 78 mutual agreement to provide for the establishment of a Joint Legislative Budget Office and  
 79 employ a director and other staff for that office.

80 (b) The director of the ~~Senate~~ Joint Legislative Budget Office is authorized to request  
 81 information and material from all state departments, boards, bureaus, commissions,  
 82 committees, authorities, and agencies in connection with his or her duties; and all such  
 83 departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, committees, authorities, and agencies are  
 84 directed to furnish such information and material as the director shall request.

85 ~~(c) The director of the House Budget Office is authorized to request information and~~  
 86 ~~material from all state departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, committees, authorities,~~  
 87 ~~and agencies in connection with his or her duties; and all such departments, boards,~~  
 88 ~~bureaus, commissions, committees, authorities, and agencies are directed to furnish such~~  
 89 ~~information and material as the director shall request. All information and material received~~  
 90 ~~by the House Budget Office under this subsection shall be made available to the~~  
 91 ~~chairpersons of the House Appropriations Committee, the House Budget and Fiscal Affairs~~  
 92 ~~Oversight Committee, and other officers of the House of Representatives as may be~~  
 93 ~~designated by the Speaker of the House; and upon direction by such chairpersons and such~~  
 94 ~~other officers of the House as may be designated by the Speaker of the House, the House~~  
 95 ~~Budget Office shall request any needed information and material from any state~~  
 96 ~~department, board, bureau, commission, committee, authority, or agency."~~

97 **SECTION 2-2.**

98 Said Title 28 is further amended in Code Section 28-4-2, relating to powers and duties of the  
99 Legislative Services Committee, by revising subsection (e) as follows:

100 "(e) The committee shall contract with a licensed certified public accountant or certified  
101 public accounting firm to conduct annually in accordance with accepted accounting  
102 principles a financial audit of legislative funds and expenditures. Such audit shall detail  
103 the expenditures of the following offices of the legislative branch: Lieutenant Governor,  
104 Secretary of the Senate, Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Clerk of the  
105 House of Representatives, House of Representatives, Office of Legislative Counsel, ~~Office~~  
106 ~~of Legislative Budget Analyst~~, and Office of Legislative Fiscal Officer."

107 **SECTION 2-3.**

108 Said Title 28 is further amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of Code Section  
109 28-5-42, relating to fiscal note requirements, as follows:

110 "(c)(1) In the event a bill having a significant impact as described in paragraph (1) of  
111 subsection (a) of this Code section is introduced not later than the twentieth day of any  
112 session, the chairperson of the committee to which such bill is referred shall request the  
113 director of the Office of Planning and Budget and the state auditor to submit any such  
114 fiscal note as to the fiscal effect of any such bill and to file a copy of such fiscal note with  
115 the ~~Senate Joint Legislative Budget Office and the House Budget Office~~. The chairperson  
116 shall make such request after the bill is referred to the committee."

117 **PART III**

118 **SECTION 3-1.**

119 Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to buildings, is amended by  
120 revising Code Section 8-2-144, relating to accounting of certain fees by the Commissioner  
121 of Insurance, as follows:

122 "8-2-144.

123 The Commissioner of Insurance shall file a report on or before December 15 of each year  
124 accounting for all fees received by the Commissioner under this part and Part 3 of this  
125 article for the preceding 12 month period and for the actual costs of the inspection  
126 programs under this part and Part 3 of this article for the preceding 12 month period. Such  
127 report shall be provided to the chairpersons of the House Appropriations Committee, the  
128 Senate Appropriations Committee, the House Governmental Affairs Committee, and the  
129 Senate Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee, the director of the Office of Planning  
130 and Budget, ~~the director of the Senate Budget Office~~, and the director of the House Joint  
131 Legislative Budget Office."

132 **SECTION 3-2.**

133 Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended by revising  
 134 subsection (a) of Code Section 15-6-77.4, relating to certain additional divorce case filing  
 135 fees, as follows:

136 "(a) In addition to any fees required in Code Sections 15-6-77, 15-6-77.2, 15-6-77.3, and  
 137 47-14-51, for filing each divorce case, the clerk of superior court shall charge an additional  
 138 fee of \$5.00. Each clerk of the superior court shall collect the additional fees for divorce  
 139 cases as provided in this Code section and shall pay such moneys over to the Georgia  
 140 Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority by the last day of the month there following,  
 141 to be deposited by the authority into the general treasury. The authority shall, on a  
 142 quarterly basis, make a report and accounting of all funds collected pursuant to this Code  
 143 section and shall submit such report and accounting to the Office of Planning and Budget;  
 144 ~~the House Budget Office~~, and the Senate Joint Legislative Budget Office no later than 60  
 145 days after the last day of the preceding quarter."

146 **SECTION 3-3.**

147 Said Title 15 is further amended by revising Code Section 15-9-60.1, relating to certain  
 148 additional marriage license fees, as follows:

149 "15-9-60.1.

150 In addition to any fees required in Code Section 15-9-60 for receiving marriage  
 151 applications, issuing marriage licenses, and recording relative thereto, the judge of the  
 152 probate court shall charge an additional fee of \$15.00 for issuing a marriage license. No  
 153 amount of this additional fee shall be paid into the Judges of the Probate Courts Retirement  
 154 Fund of Georgia provided for in Chapter 11 of Title 47 or be used for the purpose of  
 155 calculating retirement benefits for judges of the probate courts. Each judge of the probate  
 156 court shall collect the additional fees for issuing marriage licenses as provided in this Code  
 157 section and shall pay such moneys over to the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative  
 158 Authority by the last day of the month there following, to be deposited by the authority into  
 159 the general treasury. The authority shall, on a quarterly basis, make a report and  
 160 accounting of all funds collected pursuant to this Code section and shall submit such report  
 161 and accounting to the Office of Planning and Budget, ~~the House Budget Office~~, and the  
 162 Senate Joint Legislative Budget Office no later than 60 days after the last day of the  
 163 preceding quarter."

164 **SECTION 3-4.**

165 Said Title 15 is further amended by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (e) of Code Section  
 166 15-18-12, relating to judicial circuit travel expenses, as follows:

167 "(3) In determining the travel budget for each judicial circuit, the council shall consider  
 168 the budget request submitted by the district attorney of each judicial circuit, the  
 169 geographic size and the caseload of each circuit, and such other facts as may be relevant.  
 170 The council is authorized to establish a contingency reserve of not more than 3 percent  
 171 of the total amount appropriated by the General Assembly in order to meet any expenses  
 172 which could not be reasonably anticipated. The council shall submit to each district  
 173 attorney, the state auditor, ~~the House Budget Office~~, and the Senate Joint Legislative  
 174 Budget Office a monthly report showing the budget amount of expenditures made under  
 175 the travel budget. The council may periodically review and adjust said budget as may be  
 176 necessary to carry out the purposes of this Code section."

177 **SECTION 3-5.**

178 Said Title 15 is further amended by revising Code Section 15-21-74, relating to payment of  
 179 certain amounts of the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority, as follows:

180 "15-21-74.

181 The sums provided for under paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 15-21-73  
 182 shall be assessed and collected by the court officer charged with the duty of collecting  
 183 moneys arising from fines and shall be paid over to the Georgia Superior Court Clerks'  
 184 Cooperative Authority by the last day of the month there following, to be deposited by the  
 185 authority into the general treasury. The sums provided for under paragraph (2) of  
 186 subsection (a) of Code Section 15-21-73 shall be assessed and collected by the court officer  
 187 charged with the duty of collecting moneys arising from forfeited bonds and shall be paid  
 188 over to the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority by the last day of the  
 189 month there following for remittance to the Office of the State Treasurer; provided,  
 190 however, that if the local governing authority has an approved procedure to verify the  
 191 applicant's income as set forth in Code Section 17-12-80, the court officer shall remit 50  
 192 percent of such funds to the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority, and the  
 193 remaining 50 percent shall be remitted to the local governing authority and reported to the  
 194 Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority. The authority shall, on a quarterly  
 195 basis, make a report and accounting of all funds collected and disbursed pursuant to this  
 196 article and shall submit such report and accounting to the Office of Planning and Budget;  
 197 ~~the House Budget Office~~, and the Senate Joint Legislative Budget Office no later than 60  
 198 days after the last day of the preceding quarter."

199 **SECTION 3-6.**

200 Said Title 15 is further amended by revising Code Section 15-21-113, relating to payment  
 201 of certain amounts to the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority, as follows:

202 "15-21-113.  
 203 The sums provided for in Code Section 15-21-112 shall be assessed and collected by the  
 204 court officer charged with the duty of collecting moneys arising from fines and shall be  
 205 paid over by the last day of the following month to the Georgia Superior Court Clerks'  
 206 Cooperative Authority for remittance to the Georgia Crime Victims Compensation Board,  
 207 to be deposited into the Georgia Crime Victims Emergency Fund. The authority shall, on  
 208 a quarterly basis, make a report and accounting of all funds collected pursuant to this article  
 209 and shall submit such report and accounting to the Office of Planning and Budget, ~~the~~  
 210 ~~House Budget Office~~, and the Senate Joint Legislative Budget Office no later than 60 days  
 211 after the last day of the preceding quarter."

212 **SECTION 3-7.**

213 Said Title 15 is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 15-21A-6.1,  
 214 relating to the judicial operation fund fees in superior court, as follows:

215 "(c) The authority shall, on a quarterly basis, make a report and accounting of all funds  
 216 collected pursuant to this Code section and shall submit such report and accounting to the  
 217 Office of Planning and Budget, ~~the House Budget Office~~, and the Senate Joint Legislative  
 218 Budget Office no later than 60 days after the last day of the preceding quarter."

219 **SECTION 3-8.**

220 Said Title 15 is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 15-21A-6.2,  
 221 relating to the judicial operation fund fees in state court, as follows:

222 "(c) The authority shall, on a quarterly basis, make a report and accounting of all funds  
 223 collected pursuant to this Code section and shall submit such report and accounting to the  
 224 Office of Planning and Budget, ~~the House Budget Office~~, and the Senate Joint Legislative  
 225 Budget Office no later than 60 days after the last day of the preceding quarter."

226 **SECTION 3-9.**

227 Said Title 15 is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 15-21A-7,  
 228 relating to the reporting and accounting system of the Georgia Superior Court Clerks'  
 229 Cooperative Authority, as follows:

230 "(c) The authority shall, on a quarterly basis, make a detailed report and accounting of all  
 231 fines and fees collected and remitted by any court and shall submit such report and  
 232 accounting to the Legislative Oversight Committee for the Georgia Public Defender  
 233 Standards Council, the Office of Planning and Budget, the Chief Justice of the Supreme  
 234 Court of Georgia, ~~the House Budget Office~~, and the Senate Joint Legislative Budget Office  
 235 no later than 60 days after the last day of the preceding quarter."

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**SECTION 3-10.**

237 Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended by  
 238 revising subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-320, relating to the Education Information  
 239 Steering Committee, as follows:

240 "(c) For the purpose of this article, authorized educational agencies shall be the  
 241 Department of Education; the Department of Early Care and Learning; the Board of  
 242 Regents of the University System of Georgia; the Technical College System of Georgia;  
 243 the Education Coordinating Council; the Professional Standards Commission; the Office  
 244 of Student Achievement; the education policy and research components of the office of the  
 245 Governor; the Office of Planning and Budget; the ~~Senate~~ Joint Legislative Budget Office;  
 246 ~~the House Budget Office~~; the House Research Office; and the Senate Research Office.  
 247 Any information collected over the state-wide comprehensive educational information  
 248 system, including individual student records and individual personnel records, shall be  
 249 accessible by authorized educational agencies, provided that any information which is  
 250 planned for collection over the system but which is temporarily being collected by other  
 251 means shall also be accessible by authorized educational agencies and provided, further,  
 252 that adequate security provisions are employed to protect the privacy of individuals. All  
 253 data maintained for this system shall be used for educational purposes only. In no case  
 254 shall information be released by an authorized educational agency which would violate the  
 255 privacy rights of any individual student or employee. Information released by an  
 256 authorized educational agency in violation of the privacy rights of any individual student  
 257 or employee shall subject the authorized educational agency to all penalties under  
 258 applicable state and federal law. Any information collected over the state-wide  
 259 comprehensive educational information system which is not stored in an individual student  
 260 or personnel record format shall be made available to the Governor and the House and  
 261 Senate Appropriations, Education, Education and Youth, and Higher Education  
 262 committees, except information otherwise prohibited by statute. Data which are included  
 263 in an individual student record or individual personnel record format shall be extracted  
 264 from such records and made available in nonindividual record format for use by the  
 265 Governor, committees of the General Assembly, and agencies other than authorized  
 266 educational agencies."

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**SECTION 3-11.**

268 Said Title 20 is further amended by revising Code Section 20-3-133, relating to certain  
 269 payments to local junior college operating authorities, as follows:

270 "20-3-133.  
 271 There shall be paid to every local operating authority which shall have established a junior  
 272 college under this article, upon which construction had commenced prior to January 1,  
 273 1964, and which is not operated as a unit of the university system under the board of  
 274 regents an amount which shall be determined on the basis of a budget for each fiscal year,  
 275 developed pursuant to a formula agreed upon by the local operating authority, the director  
 276 of the ~~Senate~~ Joint Legislative Budget Office, ~~the director of the House Budget Office~~, and  
 277 the director of the Office of Planning and Budget. Budgets prepared pursuant to this  
 278 authority shall be for expenses incurred by a junior college for educational and general  
 279 expenditures as set forth in the latest edition of the publication entitled 'College and  
 280 University Business Administration.' Such formula shall include financial participation  
 281 from the local operating authority to include student matriculation fees and funds derived  
 282 from not less than a one-half nor more than a three-fourths mill tax established by the local  
 283 operating authority on the ad valorem tax digest of its political subdivision. No state funds  
 284 shall be appropriated for capital construction. Expenditure under this article shall be  
 285 audited annually by the Department of Audits and Accounts."

286 **SECTION 3-12.**

287 Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to law enforcement, is amended  
 288 by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 35-2-41.1, relating to donation or conveyance of  
 289 property, equipment, or services to the Department of Public Safety, as follows:

290 "(a) Any offer to donate or convey by deed, gift, rent, lease, or other means any property,  
 291 equipment, or services to the department shall be made in writing through command  
 292 channels to the commissioner. If the commissioner approves the offer, he or she shall  
 293 submit a written proposal of the offer to the board for its approval. A copy of the formal  
 294 proposal shall be forwarded by the commissioner to the Office of Planning and Budget, ~~the~~  
 295 ~~Senate Budget Office~~, and the House Joint Legislative Budget Office, any either of which  
 296 may comment on the proposal."

297 **SECTION 3-13.**

298 Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers, is amended  
 299 by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 45-12-78, relating to budget estimates, as follows:

300 "(b) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the budget estimates for the General  
 301 Assembly, including all the legislative agencies, shall be prepared by the Speaker of the  
 302 House of Representatives and the President of the Senate and such other legislative officers  
 303 as appropriate and shall be submitted to the director of the budget at the same time as other  
 304 budget estimates are submitted. The Department of Audits and Accounts, for the purpose

305 of this part, is a legislative agency and shall be construed in all respects as such; and the  
 306 budget estimate for said department shall be prepared by the state auditor and shall be  
 307 included in the budget report without revision and shall not be subject to review or control  
 308 by the Office of Planning and Budget. The state treasurer shall assist in the preparation of  
 309 these budget estimates, if requested. Effective with the budget estimates for the fiscal year  
 310 beginning July 1, 1985, the budget estimates for the Senate, the office of the Lieutenant  
 311 Governor, and the office of the Secretary of the Senate shall be prepared by the Senate; the  
 312 budget estimates for the House of Representatives, the office of the Speaker of the House  
 313 of Representatives, and the office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall be  
 314 prepared by the House of Representatives; and the budget estimates for the Office of  
 315 Legislative Counsel, the Office of Legislative Fiscal Officer, and the ~~Office of Legislative~~  
 316 ~~Budget Analyst~~ Joint Legislative Budget Office shall be prepared by the Legislative  
 317 Services Committee. All of such budget estimates shall include such object classes as the  
 318 Legislative Services Committee shall determine, and transfers of funds may be made  
 319 between such object classes. Funds may also be transferred between the Senate, the office  
 320 of the Lieutenant Governor, and the office of the Secretary of the Senate. Funds may also  
 321 be transferred between the House of Representatives, the office of the Speaker of the House  
 322 of Representatives, and the office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives. Funds may  
 323 also be transferred between the Office of Legislative Counsel, the Office of Legislative  
 324 Fiscal Officer, and the ~~Office of Legislative Budget Analyst~~ Joint Legislative Budget  
 325 Office."

326 **SECTION 3-14.**

327 Said Title 45 is further amended by revising Code Section 45-12-82, relating periodic work  
 328 programs of state budget units, as follows:

329 "45-12-82.

330 The Governor, through the Office of Planning and Budget, shall require each budget unit,  
 331 other than those of the legislative branch and the judicial branch, to file periodic work  
 332 programs with the Office of Planning and Budget at such time as the Office of Planning  
 333 and Budget shall direct. As provided in Code Section 45-12-83, no allotment of funds shall  
 334 be approved for any budget unit until such budget unit has filed a periodic work program  
 335 with the Office of Planning and Budget and the periodic work program has been approved  
 336 by the Governor. The work program shall be presented on forms prescribed by the Office  
 337 of Planning and Budget and shall contain such information as the Governor, through the  
 338 Office of Planning and Budget, may require. The work program shall include the amount  
 339 of the portion of the appropriation required for the period's expenditures based on the  
 340 budget prepared as provided in this part. Periodic work programs may be amended from

341 time to time in such manner as the Office of Planning and Budget may require. A duplicate  
 342 copy of all of the periodic work programs and any amendments thereto shall be filed  
 343 simultaneously with the Office of Planning and Budget, the state treasurer, the state  
 344 auditor, ~~the Senate Budget Office,~~ and the House Joint Legislative Budget Office."

345 **SECTION 3-15.**

346 Said Title 45 is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 45-12-85,  
 347 relating to examination and investigation of periodic work programs, as follows:

348 "(b) The Governor through the Office of Planning and Budget shall seek to effect  
 349 economy, efficiency, decentralization of state government, and sound fiscal management  
 350 in reviewing budget allotment requests and may make such changes to the budget allotment  
 351 requests to meet these goals and objectives and which are consistent with and subject to the  
 352 method and provisions contained in the General Appropriations Act. Upon determination  
 353 that the requested budget allotment conforms with the approved work program and meets  
 354 the above-mentioned goals and objectives, the Governor shall execute his or her warrant  
 355 on the treasury for the funds included in the approved budget allotment. Notwithstanding  
 356 any authorization for expenditure included in an appropriations Act, all appropriations in  
 357 excess of the approved budget allotments for the budget year, as determined by the Office  
 358 of Planning and Budget, shall cease to be an obligation of the state. The Office of Planning  
 359 and Budget shall notify the House Joint Legislative Budget Office and ~~the Senate Budget~~  
 360 ~~Office~~ of any such action with appropriate supporting information."

361 **SECTION 3-16.**

362 Said Title 45 is further amended by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 45-12-95,  
 363 relating to certain duties of the Office of Planning and Budget, as follows:

364 "(d) The Office of Planning and Budget must review and approve all proposed cost-saving  
 365 initiatives prior to their implementation for the implementing agency to be eligible for  
 366 receipt of financial incentives. However, as part of this review, the Office of Planning and  
 367 Budget must consult with a cross section of agencies and the House Joint Legislative  
 368 Budget Office and ~~the Senate Budget Office.~~"

369 **SECTION 3-17.**

370 Said Title 45 is further amended by revising Code Section 45-12-110, relating to federal  
 371 assistance budgetary requirements, as follows:

372 "45-12-110.

373 (a) Any state department, board, bureau, commission, authority, or other state agency,  
 374 except the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and its employees,

375 intending to apply for any new program of federal assistance under any federal program  
 376 shall notify the ~~House~~ Joint Legislative Budget Office, ~~the Senate Budget Office~~, and the  
 377 director of the Office of Planning and Budget of its intention to apply for such federal  
 378 assistance at least 30 days prior to filing the application for such assistance. Such  
 379 notification shall include a summary description of the proposed federal assistance project,  
 380 the amount of federal funds to be requested, the amount of state matching funds, if any, to  
 381 be required in connection with obtaining federal assistance, and the period of time to be  
 382 covered by the proposed federal assistance project.

383 (b) The ~~House~~ Joint Legislative Budget Office, ~~the Senate Budget Office~~, and the director  
 384 of the Office of Planning and Budget, acting jointly or independently, are authorized and  
 385 directed to devise and distribute such forms as may be necessary to carry out subsection  
 386 (a) of this Code section and, in connection therewith, to adopt and promulgate such rules  
 387 and regulations as may be necessary to ensure compliance with said subsection."

### 388 **SECTION 3-18.**

389 Said Title 45 is further amended by revising Code Section 45-12-111, relating to analysis of  
 390 impact federal assistance, as follows:

391 "45-12-111.

392 As soon as practicable after receiving a notification provided for in Code Section  
 393 45-12-110, it shall be the duty of the ~~legislative budget analyst~~ Joint Legislative Budget  
 394 Office to analyze the short-term and long-term impact the proposed federal assistance  
 395 project would have on state budgetary and fiscal matters if the application for federal  
 396 assistance were approved. Upon completion of said analysis, the ~~legislative budget analyst~~  
 397 Legislative Joint Budget Office shall forward a copy of same to the President of the Senate,  
 398 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, each member of the appropriations  
 399 committees of the House of Representatives and Senate, and to any member of the General  
 400 Assembly requesting a copy of said analysis."

### 401 **SECTION 3-19.**

402 Said Title 45 is further amended by revising paragraph (21) of subsection (c) of Code Section  
 403 45-13-22, relating to distribution of Georgia Laws and House and Senate journals, as  
 404 follows:

405 "(21) ~~House~~ Joint Legislative Budget Office ~~and Senate Budget Office~~ — ~~one set each~~  
 406 two sets;"

407 **SECTION 3-20.**

408 Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended  
409 by revising paragraph (5) of subsection (e) of Code Section 50-5A-11, relating to certain  
410 records not public records, as follows:

411 "(5) Given to the Governor, the Attorney General and the Department of Law, the Office  
412 of Planning and Budget, officers of the General Assembly, the ~~legislative budget offices~~  
413 Joint Legislative Budget Office, the state accounting officer and the State Accounting  
414 Office, the state auditor and the Department of Audits and Accounts, or the State  
415 Depository Board for use and public disclosure in the ordinary performance of those  
416 officers' and offices' duties."

417 **SECTION 3-21.**

418 Said Title 50 is further amended by revising Code Section 50-25-7.1, relating to the  
419 technology empowerment fund to be administered by the Georgia Technology Authority, as  
420 follows:

421 "50-25-7.1.

422 (a) The authority is authorized and directed to establish a technology empowerment fund  
423 to be administered by the authority. The fund shall consist of such moneys appropriated  
424 or otherwise available to the authority as the board may determine from time to time to  
425 deposit therein. Subject to the appropriations process, the decision-making and  
426 priority-setting responsibilities for allocating these funds are vested in the chief information  
427 officer and the director of the Office of Planning and Budget.

428 (b) The chief information officer is authorized to identify and select individual projects,  
429 initiatives, and systems to improve service delivery to be funded through the technology  
430 empowerment fund. Such projects shall demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the chief  
431 information officer, reduced costs through the use of technology. In identification and  
432 selection of such projects, initiatives, and systems, the chief information officer shall give  
433 priority to those which provide demonstrable cost savings and improved service delivery  
434 on a recurring basis through the employment of technology and training. Eligible projects,  
435 initiatives, and systems to receive disbursements from the technology empowerment fund  
436 may be selected from agency budget requests. Quarterly reports of the operations of the  
437 technology empowerment fund shall be required to be made to the board, the Office of  
438 Planning and Budget, ~~the Senate Budget Office~~, and the ~~House~~ Joint Legislative Budget  
439 Office to ensure proper oversight and accountability.

440 (c) Each project or initiative developed and supported from the technology empowerment  
441 fund shall employ technology that is compatible with the architecture and standards

442 established by the authority and shall be accounted for by a discrete account established for  
 443 the individual project or initiative item in the operating budget and capital budget.

444 (d) A steering committee composed of the chairperson of the House Appropriations  
 445 Committee or his or her designee from among the membership of the committee, the  
 446 chairperson of the Senate Appropriations Committee or his or her designee from among  
 447 the membership of the committee, the director of the Office of Planning and Budget, ~~the~~  
 448 ~~House Budget Office, the Senate Budget Office~~ the director of the Joint Legislative Budget  
 449 Office, the state auditor, and a representative from the Governor's office shall advise and  
 450 consult with the chief information officer regarding initiatives to receive funding from the  
 451 technology empowerment fund and shall receive quarterly reports from the chief  
 452 information officer as to the status of funded projects."

453 **SECTION 3-22.**

454 Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 50-34-17, relating  
 455 to the OneGeorgia Authority Overview Committee, as follows:

456 "(a) There is established the OneGeorgia Authority Overview Committee to be composed  
 457 of one member of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the  
 458 House of Representatives, one member of the Senate to be appointed by the President of  
 459 the Senate, the director of the ~~Senate~~ Joint Legislative Budget Office or his or her designee,  
 460 ~~the director of the House Budget Office or his or her designee~~, and two members of the  
 461 General Assembly to be appointed by the Governor. The legislative members shall serve  
 462 for terms as members of the committee concurrent with their terms of office as members  
 463 of the General Assembly. The first members of the committee shall be appointed by not  
 464 later than July 1, 2000. Thereafter, their successors shall be appointed during the first 30  
 465 days of each regular legislative session which is held immediately following the election  
 466 of members of the General Assembly."

467 **PART IV**

468 **SECTION 4-1.**

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

471 **SECTION 4-2.**

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