

Senate Bill 86

By: Senators Ginn of the 47th, Miller of the 49th, Williams of the 19th, Rogers of the 21st, Murphy of the 27th and others

AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Chapter 8 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 Department of Community Affairs, so as to revise a definition; to modify reviews of
3 developments of regional impact; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective
4 date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 8 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department
8 of Community Affairs, is amended by revising paragraph (18) of subsection (a) of Code
9 Section 50-8-2, relating to definitions, as follows:

10 "(18) 'Qualified local government' means a county or municipality which: has adopted
11 a basic local plan, which shall, upon request by a county or municipality, be developed
12 by the state's regional commissions utilizing existing resources

13 ~~(A) Has a comprehensive plan in conformity with the minimum standards and~~
14 ~~procedures;~~

15 ~~(B) Has made its local plan implementation mechanisms consistent with those~~
16 ~~established in its comprehensive plan and with the minimum standards and procedures;~~
17 ~~and~~

18 ~~(C) Has not failed to participate in the department's mediation or other means of~~
19 ~~resolving conflicts in a manner which, in the judgment of the department, reflects a~~
20 ~~good faith effort to resolve any conflict."~~

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 Said chapter is further amended by inserting "and" at the end of paragraph (2) of
23 subsection (d) of Code Section 50-8-7.1, relating to general powers and duties of the
24 department, and revising paragraphs (3), (4), and (5) as follows:

