

House Bill 596

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 48-7-40.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 income tax credits for jobs created by business enterprises in less developed areas, so as to
3 provide that in certain circumstances tax credits may be earned for jobs created in the year
4 prior to the year in which an area is designated by the Department of Community Affairs; to
5 provide for the tax years to which such credits shall apply; to provide for other related
6 matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 48-7-40.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income tax
10 credits for jobs created by business enterprises in less developed areas, is amended by adding
11 a new subsection to read as follows:

12 "(e.1)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a business
13 enterprise may earn tax credits as provided for in this Code section for jobs created in the
14 year prior to the year in which an opportunity zone designation is approved by the
15 Department of Community Affairs if the jobs were created based on a reasonable
16 expectation that opportunity zone designation would occur in the year of job creation.
17 In such case the credits shall be earned for tax years beginning on or after January 1 of
18 the year in which the opportunity zone designation is approved by the Department of
19 Community Affairs. Except as specifically provided in this subsection, all other
20 provisions of this Code section shall apply in the circumstances described in this
21 subsection. As used in this Code section, approval of an opportunity zone designation
22 shall refer to the process described in Regulations 110-24-1-.01 through 110-24-1-.05 of
23 the Department of Community Affairs.
24 (2) The determination of whether a reasonable expectation existed under paragraph (1)
25 of this subsection shall be made and certified by the commissioner of community affairs."

26 **SECTION 2.**

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

29 **SECTION 3.**

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.