

Senate Bill 272

By: Senator Brown of the 26th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to public authorities, so as to provide for certain powers for the Georgia Music Hall  
3 of Fame Authority and the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Authority with regard to video  
4 lottery terminals; to provide for the continued funding and operation of the Georgia Music  
5 Hall of Fame and Georgia Sports Hall of Fame; to provide for related matters; to provide an  
6 effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 SECTION 1.

9 Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
10 public authorities, is amended by revising Code Section 12-3-522.1, relating to joint  
11 operation between Georgia Music Hall of Fame and Georgia Sports Hall of Fame and  
12 proposals for accomplishing objectives, as follows:

13 "12-3-522.1.

14 The Georgia Music Hall of Fame Authority and the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Authority  
15 shall to the maximum extent possible work jointly to realize efficiencies and economies in  
16 the operation of their adjacent facilities. The two authorities shall make all possible efforts  
17 to consolidate and coordinate marketing, operational, maintenance, property management,  
18 and other activities so as to achieve such efficiencies and economies. ~~Not later than~~  
19 ~~September 30, 2010, each such hall of fame authority shall issue a request for proposals for~~  
20 ~~a new location or alternative ownership, management and operation at the same location~~  
21 ~~for the respective hall of fame facility. Such requests for proposals shall be disseminated~~  
22 ~~to each county and municipal governing authority in the state and shall require that any~~  
23 ~~proposal be submitted not later than December 31, 2010. Any county or municipality~~  
24 ~~wherein such a hall of fame authority is located shall be eligible to submit a proposal; and~~  
25 ~~it is the intention of the General Assembly that such a proposal shall be required as a~~  
26 ~~condition for continued state funding support in a current location. Upon receipt of one or~~

27 ~~more proposals, the hall of fame authority shall conduct a staff review of each proposal~~  
 28 ~~received. A primary consideration in the review of the proposals shall be the effect of each~~  
 29 ~~proposal on the current and future operating budgets of the authority and self-sustainability~~  
 30 ~~of the authority, including a determination of whether cost savings and operational~~  
 31 ~~efficiencies can be effected through moving to a new location or alternative ownership,~~  
 32 ~~management and operation at the same location as proposed. Upon completion of the staff~~  
 33 ~~review, the findings shall be submitted to the governing body of the hall of fame authority.~~  
 34 ~~Each hall of fame authority shall not later than April 30, 2011, submit to the Governor, the~~  
 35 ~~Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairpersons~~  
 36 ~~of the Senate and House appropriations committees a report detailing the activities of the~~  
 37 ~~authority with respect to issuance of the request for proposals, receipt and evaluation of~~  
 38 ~~proposals, and the decision of the authority with respect to acceptance of proposals."~~

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## SECTION 2.

40 Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 12-3-524, relating to the general  
 41 powers of the Georgia Music Hall of Fame Authority, by striking "and" at the end of  
 42 paragraph (22), by revising paragraph (23), and by adding a new paragraph to read as  
 43 follows:

44 ~~"(23) The authority shall have the power to~~ To contract with the Department of  
 45 Economic Development or any other department for any purpose necessary or incidental  
 46 to carrying out or performing the duties, responsibilities, or functions of the authority in  
 47 exercising the power and management of the authority; provided, however, that such  
 48 contracts shall not delegate the authorization of the issuance of any bonds or other  
 49 indebtedness of the authority. No part of the funds or assets of the authority shall be  
 50 distributed to the Department of Economic Development or any other department,  
 51 authority, or agency of the state unless otherwise provided by law, except that the  
 52 authority shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services  
 53 rendered and to reimburse expenses incurred and except as may be deemed necessary or  
 54 desirable by the authority to fulfill the purposes of the authority as set forth in this part.  
 55 Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as precluding the provision, by the  
 56 Department of Economic Development, any other department, authority, or agency of the  
 57 state, or the authority, of joint or complementary services or programs within the scope  
 58 of their respective powers; and

59 (24) To contract, either solely or jointly with the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Authority,  
 60 with the Georgia Lottery Corporation and to take such other necessary actions to provide  
 61 for the installation of video lottery terminals upon property operated and controlled by  
 62 the authority only, to become a lottery retailer, and to retain the commissions and other

63 compensation paid by the Georgia Lottery Corporation as a lottery retailer for the  
 64 payment of all or a portion of the costs of operation of the Georgia Music Hall of Fame."

65 **SECTION 3.**

66 Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 12-3-562.1, relating to joint  
 67 operation between Georgia Sports Hall of Fame and Georgia Music Hall of Fame and  
 68 proposals for accomplishing objectives, as follows:

69 "12-3-562.1.

70 The Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Authority and the Georgia Music Hall of Fame Authority  
 71 shall to the maximum extent possible work jointly to realize efficiencies and economies in  
 72 the operation of their adjacent facilities. The two authorities shall make all possible efforts  
 73 to consolidate and coordinate marketing, operational, maintenance, property management  
 74 and other activities so as to achieve such efficiencies and economies. ~~Not later than~~  
 75 ~~September 30, 2010, each such hall of fame authority shall issue a request for proposals for~~  
 76 ~~a new location or alternative ownership, management and operation at the same location~~  
 77 ~~for the respective hall of fame facility. Such requests for proposals shall be disseminated~~  
 78 ~~to each county and municipal governing authority in the state and shall require that any~~  
 79 ~~proposal be submitted not later than December 31, 2010. Any county or municipality~~  
 80 ~~wherein such a hall of fame authority is located shall be eligible to submit a proposal; and~~  
 81 ~~it is the intention of the General Assembly that such a proposal shall be required as a~~  
 82 ~~condition for continued state funding support in a current location. Upon receipt of one or~~  
 83 ~~more proposals, the hall of fame authority shall conduct a staff review of each proposal~~  
 84 ~~received. A primary consideration in the review of the proposals shall be the effect of each~~  
 85 ~~proposal on the current and future operating budgets of the authority and self-sustainability~~  
 86 ~~of the authority, including a determination of whether cost savings and operational~~  
 87 ~~efficiencies can be effected through moving to a new location or alternative ownership,~~  
 88 ~~management and operation at the same location as proposed. Upon completion of the staff~~  
 89 ~~review, the findings shall be submitted to the governing body of the hall of fame authority.~~  
 90 ~~Each hall of fame authority shall not later than April 30, 2011, submit to the Governor, the~~  
 91 ~~Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairpersons~~  
 92 ~~of the Senate and House appropriations committees a report detailing the activities of the~~  
 93 ~~authority with respect to issuance of the request for proposals, receipt and evaluation of~~  
 94 ~~proposals, and the decision of the authority with respect to acceptance of proposals."~~

95 **SECTION 4.**

96 Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 12-3-564, relating to the general  
 97 powers of the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Authority, by striking "and" at the end of

98 paragraph (20), by striking the period at the end of paragraph (21) and inserting in lieu  
99 thereof "; and", and by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

100 "(22) To contract, either solely or jointly with the Georgia Music Hall of Fame Authority,  
101 with the Georgia Lottery Corporation and to take such other necessary actions to provide  
102 for the installation of video lottery terminals upon property operated and controlled by  
103 the authority only, to become a lottery retailer, and to retain the commissions and other  
104 compensation paid by the Georgia Lottery Corporation as a lottery retailer for the  
105 payment of all or a portion of the costs of operation of the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame."

106 **SECTION 5.**

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

109 **SECTION 6.**

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