

The House Committee on Budget & Fiscal Affairs Oversight offers the following substitute to HB 669:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 4 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 organization of the executive branch generally, so as to require the Department of Audits and
3 Accounts to report federal funds received by certain state agencies; to provide for definitions;
4 to provide for submittal of a report to legislative appropriations committees; to provide for
5 legislative recommendations; to provide for a legislative study regarding additional reporting;
6 to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 4 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the organization
10 of the executive branch generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as
11 follows:

12 "50-4-8.

13 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

14 (1) 'Designated state agency' means the Department of Administrative Services, the
15 Department of Agriculture, the Department of Revenue, the Department of Community
16 Affairs, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Natural Resources, the
17 Department of Banking and Finance, the Department of Public Health, the Department
18 of Community Health, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental
19 Disabilities, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Insurance, the
20 Department of Public Safety, the Department of Transportation, the Department of
21 Veterans Service, the Department of Labor, the Department of Economic Development,
22 the Public Service Commission, the Board of Regents of the University System of
23 Georgia, the Technical College System of Georgia, the Department of Education, and the
24 Department of Defense.

25 (2) 'Federal revenue' means federal funds received by a state agency.

26 (b)(1) The Department of Audits and Accounts shall prepare a report that:

- 27 (A) Reports the aggregate value of federal revenue each designated state agency
 28 received for the preceding fiscal year;
- 29 (B) Reports the aggregate amount of federal funds appropriated by the legislature to
 30 each designated state agency for the preceding fiscal year; and
- 31 (C) Calculates the percentage of each designated state agency's total budget for the
 32 preceding fiscal year that constitutes all federal revenue and federal funds appropriated
 33 by the legislature that such designated state agency received for that fiscal year.
- 34 (2) The report required by paragraph (1) of this subsection with respect to the board of
 35 regents shall include the information required by subparagraphs (A) through (C) of
 36 paragraph (1) of this subsection for each state institution of higher education.
- 37 (c) The Department of Audits and Accounts shall submit the report required by
 38 subsection (b) of this Code section to the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and the
 39 House of Representatives on or before the first day of the regular session of the General
 40 Assembly of each year.
- 41 (d) Upon receipt of the report required by subsection (b) of this Code section, the
 42 chairpersons of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and the House of
 43 Representatives shall place the report on the agenda for review and consideration at the
 44 next meeting of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and the House of
 45 Representatives, respectively.
- 46 (e) When considering the report required by subsection (b) of this Code section, the
 47 Appropriations Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives may elect to:
- 48 (1) Recommend that the legislature reduce or eliminate appropriations for a designated
 49 state agency;
- 50 (2) Take no action; or
- 51 (3) Take another action that a majority of the committee approves.
- 52 (f) During the 2012 interim, the Senate Government Oversight Committee and the House
 53 Committee on Governmental Affairs shall jointly study whether to draft and propose
 54 legislation requiring:
- 55 (1) A political subdivision to:
- 56 (A) Calculate the aggregate value of federal revenue the political subdivision receives;
 57 (B) Calculate the percentage of the political subdivision's total budget that constitutes
 58 federal revenue; and
- 59 (C) Develop a plan for operating the political subdivision if there is a reduction of:
- 60 (i) Five percent or more in the federal revenue that the political subdivision receives;
 61 and
- 62 (ii) Twenty-five percent or more in the federal revenue that the political subdivision
 63 receives;

64 (2) A state institution of higher education or a school within the public education system
65 to develop a plan for operating the state institution of higher education or the school if
66 there is a reduction of:

67 (A) Five percent or more in the federal revenue that the state institution of higher
68 education or school receives; and

69 (B) Twenty-five percent or more in the federal revenue that the state institution of
70 higher education or school receives; or

71 (3) A designated state agency to develop plans for operating the designated state agency
72 if there is a reduction of:

73 (A) Five percent or more in the federal revenue that the designated state agency
74 receives; and

75 (B) Twenty-five percent or more in the federal revenue that the designated state agency
76 receives."

77 **SECTION 2.**

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