

House Bill 14

By: Representatives Turner of the 21st, Caldwell of the 20th, Spencer of the 180th, Barr of the 103rd, Stover of the 71st, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 87 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 participation in federal programs, so as to provide that no local authority or local government
3 shall accept federal funds in any form or for any purpose unless the acceptance of such
4 federal funds has been approved by an Act of the General Assembly; to provide a short title;
5 to amend Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
6 provisions regarding state government, so as to provide that no state authority, agency, board,
7 bureau, commission, department, office, public corporation, or other entity of state
8 government shall accept federal funds in any form or for any purpose unless the acceptance
9 of such federal funds has been approved by an Act of the General Assembly; to provide for
10 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

12 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

13 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Fiscal Accountability Act."

14 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

15 Chapter 87 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to participation
16 in federal programs, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

17 "36-87-3.

18 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no local authority or local
19 government of this state, including, but not limited to, counties, municipal corporations,
20 and school districts, shall accept federal funds in any form or for any purpose, including,
21 but not limited to, loans and grants, unless the acceptance of such federal funds has been
22 expressly and specifically approved by an Act of the General Assembly.

23 (b) In the event that federal funds subject to subsection (a) of this Code section are
24 received prior to the approval by the General Assembly being provided, such funds shall
25 be paid into the state treasury and held until approval by the General Assembly for the

26 acceptance of such funds by such local authority or local government is obtained. If the
27 General Assembly does not approve the acceptance of such funds, such funds shall be
28 returned to the federal government."

29 **SECTION 3.**

30 Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
31 provisions regarding state government, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as
32 follows:

33 "50-1-10.

34 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no state authority, agency, board,
35 bureau, commission, department, office, public corporation, or other entity of state
36 government shall accept federal funds in any form or for any purpose, including, but not
37 limited to, loans and grants, unless the acceptance of such federal funds has been expressly
38 and specifically approved by an Act of the General Assembly.

39 (b) In the event that federal funds subject to subsection (a) of this Code section are
40 received prior to the approval by the General Assembly being provided, such funds shall
41 be paid into the state treasury and held until approval by the General Assembly for the
42 acceptance of such funds by such state authority, agency, board, bureau, commission,
43 department, office, public corporation, or other entity of state government is obtained. If
44 the General Assembly does not approve the acceptance of such funds, such funds shall be
45 returned to the federal government."

46 **SECTION 4.**

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