

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations offers the following substitute to HB 192:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 general provisions regarding counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental
3 entities, so as to provide for certain powers for certain local authorities; to provide a
4 definition; to make certain findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;
5 and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

7 Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
8 provisions regarding counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities, is
9 amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

11 "36-80-24.

12 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'project' means and includes hospitals, health
13 care facilities, dormitories, office buildings, clinics, housing accommodations, nursing
14 homes, rehabilitation centers, extended care facilities, and other health related facilities,
15 whether public or private.

16 (b) To the extent that the Constitution of Georgia permits the General Assembly by law
17 to further define the powers and duties of any local government authority, as defined in
18 Code Section 36-80-16, whose purpose includes the public purpose of developing or
19 promoting trade, commerce, or industry, and to enlarge or restrict the same, each such local
20 government authority is authorized and shall have the power to finance (by loan, grant,
21 lease, or otherwise), refinance, construct, erect, assemble, purchase, acquire, own, repair,
22 remodel, renovate, rehabilitate, modify, maintain, extend, improve, install, sell, equip,
23 expand, add to, operate, or manage projects and to pay the cost of any project from the
24 proceeds of revenue bonds of such a local government authority or any other funds of such
25 local government authority, or from any contributions or loans by persons, corporations,
26 limited or general partnerships, or other entities, all of which such a local government

27 authority is authorized to receive, accept, and use. To the extent that any project serves
28 a governmental function, the General Assembly finds and determines that such a project
29 by its nature comprises both public and private components that are integrated so as to
30 produce the desired public purpose and that therefore carrying out such a project is proper
31 and authorized for such a local government authority under the Constitution of Georgia."

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SECTION 2.

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