

House Bill 765

By: Representatives Powell of the 171st, Willard of the 51st, Lott of the 122nd, Greene of the 151st, Houston of the 170th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 49-3-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 appointment of board members to the county departments of family and children services,
3 so as to provide that appointments may include certain retired individuals; to provide for
4 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Code Section 49-3-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the appointment
8 of board members to the county departments of family and children services, is amended by
9 revising subsection (a) as follows:

10 "(a) Each county board shall consist of between five and seven members who shall be
11 appointed by the governing authority of the county. No person serving as a member of a
12 county board on July 1, 2015, shall have such person's term of office shortened by this
13 subsection. On and after that date, however, vacancies in such office which occur for any
14 reason, including but not limited to expiration of the term of office, shall be filled by
15 appointment of the county governing authority except as provided in subsection (c) of this
16 Code section. No elected officer of the state or any subdivision thereof shall be eligible for
17 appointment to the county board. In making appointments to the county board of family
18 and children services, the governing authority shall ensure that appointments are reflective
19 of gender, race, ethnic, and age characteristics of the county population. Further, the
20 governing authority shall ensure that all appointments made on or after July 1, 2015, are
21 made from the following categories:

- 22 (1) Pediatric health care providers, active or retired;
- 23 (2) Appropriate school personnel, active or retired;
- 24 (3) Emergency responders, active or retired;
- 25 (4) Law enforcement personnel, active or retired;
- 26 (5) Private child welfare service providers, active or retired;

- 27 (6) Alumni of the child welfare system;
- 28 (7) Mental health care providers, active or retired;
- 29 (8) Former foster parents; and
- 30 (9) Leaders within the faith-based community, active or retired."

31 **SECTION 2.**

32 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.