

Senate Bill 195

By: Senators Albers of the 56th, Williams of the 27th, Tillery of the 19th, Heath of the 31st,
Millar of the 40th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 7 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 Department of Economic Development, so as to provide for notice from employers that
3 receive benefits from the state and then move facilities or operations from the state; to
4 provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for a short title; to provide for
5 an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 This article shall be known and may be cited as the "Georgia Jobs First Act of 2017."

9 **SECTION 2.**

10 Chapter 7 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department
11 of Economic Development, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

12 "ARTICLE 10

13 50-7-125.

14 As used this article, the term:

15 (1) 'Employer' means a business that:

16 (A) Does any business with this state or any political subdivision of this state; or

17 (B) Receives any tax credit, tax incentive, loan, or grant from this state or any political
18 subdivision of this state and employs either:

19 (i) Fifty or more individuals, excluding part-time employees; or

20 (ii) Fifty or more individuals who, in the aggregate, work at least 1,500 hours each
21 week for the employer, not including overtime hours.

22 (2) 'Part-time employee' means an individual employed for an average of fewer than 20
23 hours each week or for fewer than six of the 12 months before the date on which a
24 determination to relocate is made.

25 50-7-126.

26 An employer that intends to relocate any operation or facility from this state shall notify
27 the commissioner at least 120 days before such relocation is scheduled to take place.

28 50-7-127.

29 (a) Beginning July 1, 2017, and every six months thereafter, the commissioner shall
30 compile a list of every employer that has relocated an operation or facility from this state.

31 (b) The commissioner shall include on the list the name of each employer and the date on
32 which the operation or facility was relocated.

33 (c)(1) The commissioner shall immediately transmit such list to the Governor, the
34 Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Clerk of the
35 House of Representatives, and the Secretary of the Senate. The Clerk of the House of
36 Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate shall send such list to members of their
37 respective bodies by e-mail.

38 (2) In addition, the commissioner shall immediately transmit such list to each state
39 agency and political subdivision of the state that provides such employers with any
40 grants, loans, or tax credits.

41 50-7-128.

42 This article does not permit withholding or denial of payments, compensation, or benefits
43 from employees."

44 **SECTION 3.**

45 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2017.

46 **SECTION 4.**

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