

House Bill 1077

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 8 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 Department of Community Affairs, so as to provide that regional commissions and
3 metropolitan area planning and development commissions shall provide services free of
4 charge to dues paying members; to provide that regional commissions and metropolitan area
5 planning and development commissions shall utilize state purchasing administered by the
6 Department of Administrative Services; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
7 laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 SECTION 1.

10 Chapter 8 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department
11 of Community Affairs, is amended in Part 1 of Article 2, relating to legislative findings for
12 regional commissions, by adding a new subsection to Code Section 50-8-33, relating to
13 municipal and county membership, annual dues, and distribution of state funds, to read as
14 follows:

15 "(c) A county or municipality that pays its annual dues for membership in its regional
16 commission shall receive all services provided by such regional commission free of charge
17 and shall not be charged any other fees or amounts by such regional commission for any
18 purpose for the duration of the year in which such county or municipality is current on
19 dues."

20 SECTION 2.

21 Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 50-8-45, relating to authorized
22 purchases by Department of Administrative Services and commissioner of administrative
23 services to prescribe regulations and standards, as follows:

24 "50-8-45.

25 (a) ~~The following provisions apply to all regional commissions. The Department of~~
 26 ~~Administrative Services is authorized to permit regional commissions, on an optional basis,~~
 27 ~~to Regional commissions shall only purchase their motor vehicles, material, equipment,~~
 28 ~~services, and supplies through the state and to issue purchase orders for regional~~
 29 ~~commissions for motor vehicles, material, equipment, services, and supplies the~~
 30 ~~Department of Administrative Services and shall be subject to the state purchasing~~
 31 ~~requirements of Article 3 of Chapter 5 of this title.~~

32 (b) The regional commissions of this state ~~are authorized to~~ shall purchase stock from the
 33 state's central supply system operated by the Department of Administrative Services.

34 (c) The regional commissions of this state ~~are authorized to~~ shall purchase under
 35 state-wide term contracts and price agreements established by the Department of
 36 Administrative Services.

37 (d) The regional commissions of this state are authorized to receive directly from the
 38 Department of Administrative Services personal property declared surplus by the state.

39 (e) The commissioner of administrative services shall:

40 ~~(1) Prescribe~~ prescribe regulations necessary for implementation of this Code section ~~and~~
 41 ~~is authorized to establish minimum standards;~~ and

42 ~~(2) Establish~~ uniform standard specifications and procedures for the purchase and
 43 distribution and disposition of motor vehicles, material, equipment, services, and supplies
 44 for the regional commissions of this state that are the same as the standards used for state
 45 agencies."

46 **SECTION 3.**

47 Said chapter is further amended in Article 4, relating to Metropolitan Area Planning and
 48 Development Commissions, by adding two new Code sections to read as follows:

49 "50-8-101.1.

50 A county or municipality that pays its annual dues for membership in its commission shall
 51 receive all services provided by such commission free of charge and shall not be charged
 52 any other fees or amounts by such commission for any purpose for the duration of the year
 53 in which such county or municipality is current on dues.

54 50-8-101.2.

55 (a) Commissions shall only purchase their motor vehicles, material, equipment, services,
 56 and supplies through the Department of Administrative Services and shall be subject to the
 57 state purchasing requirements of Article 3 of Chapter 5 of this title.

58 (b) Commissions shall purchase stock from the state's central supply system operated by
59 the Department of Administrative Services.

60 (c) Commissions shall purchase under state-wide term contracts and price agreements
61 established by the Department of Administrative Services.

62 (d) Commissions are authorized to receive directly from the Department of Administrative
63 Services personal property declared surplus by the state.

64 (e) The commissioner of administrative services shall:

65 (1) Prescribe regulations necessary for implementation of this Code section; and

66 (2) Establish uniform standard specifications and procedures for the purchase and
67 distribution and disposition of motor vehicles, material, equipment, services, and supplies
68 for commissions that are the same as the standards used for state agencies."

69 **SECTION 4.**

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