

House Bill 4

By: Representatives Gurtler of the 8th, Shannon of the 84th, Pullin of the 131st, and Cooke of the 18th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to financial affairs in general, so as to require that general appropriations bills be
3 voted upon separately by each chamber by department budget unit; to provide for budget
4 units; to provide for procedures; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and
5 for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 financial affairs in general, is amended by revising Code Section 28-5-4, relating to
10 consideration of general appropriations bill, as follows:

11 "28-5-4.

12 (a) The general appropriations bill shall be referred by the Speaker to the Appropriations
13 Committee of the House of Representatives. In the event such bill is reported out of the
14 Appropriations Committee as 'do pass by substitute' or 'do pass as amended,' neither the
15 committee of the whole nor the House of Representatives shall consider the bill until at
16 least 24 hours after the substitute or the amendments, as the case may be, have been printed
17 and placed on the desk of each member.

18 (b)(1) The general appropriations bill shall be presented to the House of Representatives
19 and the Senate by department budget unit, and the appropriations for each department
20 budget unit shall be voted upon separately by the House of Representatives and the
21 Senate.

22 (2) The department budget units by which the appropriations bill shall be voted upon
23 shall be as follows:

24 (A) Georgia Senate;

25 (B) Georgia House of Representatives;

26 (C) Georgia General Assembly Joint Offices;

- 27 (D) Department of Audits and Accounts;
28 (E) Georgia Court of Appeals;
29 (F) Judicial Council of Georgia;
30 (G) Juvenile courts;
31 (H) Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia;
32 (I) Superior courts;
33 (J) Georgia Supreme Court;
34 (K) State accounting office;
35 (L) Department of Administrative Services;
36 (M) Department of Agriculture;
37 (N) Department of Banking and Finance;
38 (O) Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities;
39 (P) Department of Community Affairs;
40 (Q) Department of Community Health;
41 (R) Department of Community Supervision;
42 (S) Department of Corrections;
43 (T) Department of Defense;
44 (U) Department of Driver Services;
45 (V) Department of Early Care and Learning;
46 (W) Department of Economic Development;
47 (X) Department of Education;
48 (Y) Employees' Retirement System of Georgia;
49 (Z) State Forestry Commission;
50 (AA) Office of the Governor;
51 (BB) Department of Human Services;
52 (CC) Office of the Commissioner of Insurance;
53 (DD) Georgia Bureau of Investigation;
54 (EE) Department of Juvenile Justice;
55 (FF) Department of Labor;
56 (GG) Department of Law;
57 (HH) Department of Natural Resources;
58 (II) State Board of Pardons and Paroles;
59 (JJ) State Properties Commission;
60 (KK) Georgia Public Defender Council;
61 (LL) Department of Public Health;
62 (MM) Department of Public Safety;
63 (NN) Public Service Commission;

64 (OO) Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia;
65 (PP) Department of Revenue;
66 (QQ) Secretary of State;
67 (RR) Georgia Student Finance Commission and Georgia Student Finance Authority;
68 (SS) Teachers Retirement System of Georgia;
69 (TT) Technical College System of Georgia;
70 (UU) Department of Transportation;
71 (VV) Department of Veterans Service; and
72 (WW) State Board of Workers' Compensation.
73 (3) If the appropriation for a department budget unit does not receive a constitutional
74 majority, the appropriation shall be reduced by 1 percent and shall be voted upon again.
75 If the appropriation still does not receive a constitutional majority, then the general
76 appropriations bill shall be returned to the appropriations committee of the House of
77 Representatives or the Senate, as appropriate, for further consideration and action."

78 **SECTION 2.**

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