

The House Committee on Judiciary offers the following substitute to HB 814:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 5A of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 State-wide Business Court, so as to revise the subject matter jurisdiction of the Georgia
3 State-wide Business Court; to remove the administrative attachment of the Georgia
4 State-wide Business Court from the Court of Appeals; to provide for related matters; to
5 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 5A of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to State-wide
9 Business Court, is amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 15-5A-3, relating to
10 authority of court, as follows:

11 "(b) The Georgia State-wide Business Court shall not have authority to exercise
12 jurisdiction over claims arising under federal or state law, as applicable, involving:

- 13 (1) Physical injury inflicted upon the body of a person or death;
14 (2) Mental or emotional injury inflicted upon a person;
15 (3) Physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature with the body of a person;
16 (4) A threat of physical violence toward another person;
17 (5) Matters arising under Title 19;
18 (6) Residential landlord and tenant disputes;
19 (7) Foreclosures;
20 (8) Individual consumer claims involving a retail customer of goods or services who uses
21 or intends to use such goods or services primarily for personal, family, or household
22 purposes; provided, however, that this paragraph shall not be construed to preclude the
23 court from exercising jurisdiction over mass actions or class actions involving such
24 individual consumer claims; ~~or~~
25 (9) Collections in matters involving a family owned farm entity as defined in Code
26 Section 48-5-41.1 or an individual farmer; or

