

House Bill 1133

By: Representative Parsons of the 44th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 general provisions of state government so as to prohibit state agencies from paying ransoms
3 in response to cyber attacks; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to
4 provide for an effective date; 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 Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
8 provisions of state government, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

9 "50-1-10.

10 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'agency' means:

11 (1) The executive, judicial, or legislative branch of the state and any department, agency,
12 board, bureau, office, commission, public corporation, and authority thereof;

13 (2) Every county, municipal corporation, school district, or other political subdivision
14 of this state;

15 (3) Every department, agency, board, bureau, office, commission, authority, or similar
16 body of each such county, municipal corporation, school district, or other political
17 subdivision of this state; and

18 (4) Every city, county, regional, or other authority established pursuant to the laws of this
19 state.

20 Such term shall not include any county, municipal corporation, or public corporation or any
21 authority of a county, municipal corporation, or public corporation when such county,
22 municipal corporation, public corporation, or authority is acting in the capacity of a
23 provider of wholesale or retail electric or gas service or in the capacity of a conduit through
24 which a municipal corporation furnishes electric or gas service.

25 (b) No agency shall pay any ransom in the event of a cyber attack against such agency."

26 **SECTION 2.**

27 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
28 without such approval.

29 **SECTION 3**

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.