

Senate Bill 261

By: Senators Lucas of the 26th, Jones of the 25th, Mullis of the 53rd, Kennedy of the 18th and Tillery of the 19th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 10 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to the Georgia Music Hall of Fame Authority, so as to remove expired  
3 provisions related to the issuance and review of requests for proposals for a new location,  
4 ownership, management, or operation of the hall of fame; to amend Part 12 of Article 7 of  
5 Chapter 3 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia  
6 Sports Hall of Fame Authority, so as to remove expired provisions related to the issuance and  
7 review of requests for proposals for a new location, ownership, management, or operation  
8 of the hall of fame; to provide that the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame is of intrinsic value to  
9 the citizens of Georgia; to provide for the utilization of funds appropriated to the Georgia  
10 Sports Hall of Fame; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
11 purposes.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

13 **SECTION 1.**

14 Part 10 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
15 relating to the Georgia Music Hall of Fame Authority, is amended by revising Code Section

16 12-3-522.1, relating to joint operation between Georgia Music Hall of Fame and Georgia  
17 Sports Hall of Fame and proposals for accomplishing objectives, as follows:

18 "12-3-522.1.

19 The Georgia Music Hall of Fame Authority and the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Authority  
20 shall to the maximum extent possible work jointly to realize efficiencies and economies in  
21 the operation of their adjacent facilities. The two authorities shall make all possible efforts  
22 to consolidate and coordinate marketing, operational, maintenance, property management,  
23 and other activities so as to achieve such efficiencies and economies. ~~Not later than~~  
24 ~~September 30, 2010, each such hall of fame authority shall issue a request for proposals for~~  
25 ~~a new location or alternative ownership, management, and operation at the same location~~  
26 ~~for the respective hall of fame facility. Such requests for proposals shall be disseminated~~  
27 ~~to each county and municipal governing authority in the state and shall require that any~~  
28 ~~proposal be submitted not later than December 31, 2010. Any county or municipality~~  
29 ~~wherein such a hall of fame authority is located shall be eligible to submit a proposal; and~~  
30 ~~it is the intention of the General Assembly that such a proposal shall be required as a~~  
31 ~~condition for continued state funding support in a current location. Upon receipt of one or~~  
32 ~~more proposals, the hall of fame authority shall conduct a staff review of each proposal~~  
33 ~~received. A primary consideration in the review of the proposals shall be the effect of each~~  
34 ~~proposal on the current and future operating budgets of the authority and self-sustainability~~  
35 ~~of the authority, including a determination of whether cost savings and operational~~  
36 ~~efficiencies can be effected through moving to a new location or alternative ownership,~~  
37 ~~management, and operation at the same location as proposed. Upon completion of the staff~~  
38 ~~review, the findings shall be submitted to the governing body of the hall of fame authority.~~  
39 ~~Each hall of fame authority shall not later than April 30, 2011, submit to the Governor, the~~  
40 ~~Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairpersons~~  
41 ~~of the Senate and House appropriations committees a report detailing the activities of the~~

42 ~~authority with respect to issuance of the request for proposals, receipt and evaluation of~~  
43 ~~proposals, and the decision of the authority with respect to acceptance of proposals."~~

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## SECTION 2.

45 Part 12 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
46 relating to the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Authority, is amended by revising Code Section  
47 12-3-562.1, relating to joint operation between Georgia Sports Hall of Fame and Georgia  
48 Music Hall of Fame and proposals for accomplishing objectives, as follows:

49 "12-3-562.1.

50 The Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Authority and the Georgia Music Hall of Fame Authority  
51 shall to the maximum extent possible work jointly to realize efficiencies and economies in  
52 the operation of their adjacent facilities. The two authorities shall make all possible efforts  
53 to consolidate and coordinate marketing, operational, maintenance, property management,  
54 and other activities so as to achieve such efficiencies and economies. ~~Not later than~~  
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72 ~~of the Senate and House appropriations committees a report detailing the activities of the~~  
73 ~~authority with respect to issuance of the request for proposals, receipt and evaluation of~~  
74 ~~proposals, and the decision of the authority with respect to acceptance of proposals. The~~  
75 ~~General Assembly finds the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame to be of intrinsic value to the~~  
76 ~~citizens of the State of Georgia. State funds that are appropriated to the Georgia Sports~~  
77 ~~Hall of Fame shall be utilized to increase its exposure to the citizens of Georgia and to~~  
78 ~~protect and display artifacts and items of historical significance.~~"

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**SECTION 3.**

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