

House Bill 567

By: Representatives Clark of the 98th, Barr of the 103rd, Dunahoo of the 30th, and Kelley of the 16th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 4 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the organization of the executive branch generally, so as to require the Department of Audits and Accounts to report federal funds received by certain state agencies; to provide for definitions; to provide for submittal of a report to legislative appropriations committees; to provide for legislative recommendations; to provide for a legislative study regarding additional reporting; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 4 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the organization of the executive branch generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"50-4-8.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Designated state agency' means the Department of Administrative Services, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Revenue, the Department of Community Affairs, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Banking and Finance, the Department of Public Health, the Department of Community Health, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Insurance, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Veterans Service, the Department of Labor, the Department of Economic Development, the Public Service Commission, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, the Technical College System of Georgia, the Department of Education, and the Department of Defense.

(2) 'Federal revenue' means federal funds received by a state agency.

(b)(1) The Department of Audits and Accounts shall prepare a report that:

(A) Reports the aggregate value of federal revenue each designated state agency received for the preceding fiscal year;

(B) Reports the aggregate amount of federal funds appropriated by the legislature to each designated state agency for the preceding fiscal year; and

(C) Calculates the percentage of each designated state agency's total budget for the preceding fiscal year that constitutes all federal revenue and federal funds appropriated by the legislature that such designated state agency received for that fiscal year.

(2) The report required by paragraph (1) of this subsection with respect to the board of regents shall include the information required by subparagraphs (A) through (C) of paragraph (1) of this subsection for each state institution of higher education.

(c) The Department of Audits and Accounts shall submit the report required by subsection (b) of this Code section to the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives on or before the first day of the regular session of the General Assembly of each year.

(d) Upon receipt of the report required by subsection (b) of this Code section, the chairpersons of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives shall place the report on the agenda for review and consideration at the next meeting of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives, respectively.

(e) When considering the report required by subsection (b) of this Code section, the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives may elect to:

(1) Recommend that the legislature reduce or eliminate appropriations for a designated state agency;

(2) Take no action; or

(3) Take another action that a majority of the committee approves.

(f) During the 2013 interim, the Senate Government Oversight Committee and the House Committee on Governmental Affairs shall jointly study whether to draft and propose legislation requiring:

(1) A state institution of higher education or a school within the public education system to develop a plan for operating the state institution of higher education or the school if there is a reduction of:

(A) Five percent or more in the federal revenue that the state institution of higher education or school receives; and

(B) Twenty-five percent or more in the federal revenue that the state institution of higher education or school receives; or

(2) A designated state agency to develop plans for operating the designated state agency if there is a reduction of:

64 (A) Five percent or more in the federal revenue that the designated state agency
65 receives; and
66 (B) Twenty-five percent or more in the federal revenue that the designated state agency
67 receives."

68 **SECTION 2.**

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