

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 87 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to participation in federal programs, so as to provide that no local authority or local government shall accept federal funds in any form or for any purpose unless the acceptance of such federal funds has been approved by an Act of the General Assembly; to provide a short title; to amend Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding state government, so as to provide that no state authority, agency, board, bureau, commission, department, office, public corporation, or other entity of state government shall accept federal funds in any form or for any purpose unless the acceptance of such federal funds has been approved by an Act of the General Assembly; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Fiscal Accountability Act."

SECTION 2.

Chapter 87 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to participation in federal programs, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"36-87-3.

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no local authority or local government of this state, including, but not limited to, counties, municipal corporations, and school districts, shall accept federal funds in any form or for any purpose, including, but not limited to, loans and grants, unless the acceptance of such federal funds has been expressly and specifically approved by an Act of the General Assembly.

(b) In the event that federal funds subject to subsection (a) of this Code section are received prior to the approval by the General Assembly being provided, such funds shall be paid into the state treasury and held until approval by the General Assembly for the

acceptance of such funds by such local authority or local government is obtained. If the General Assembly does not approve the acceptance of such funds, such funds shall be returned to the federal government."

SECTION 3.

Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding state government, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"50-1-10.

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no state authority, agency, board, bureau, commission, department, office, public corporation, or other entity of state government shall accept federal funds in any form or for any purpose, including, but not limited to, loans and grants, unless the acceptance of such federal funds has been expressly and specifically approved by an Act of the General Assembly.

(b) In the event that federal funds subject to subsection (a) of this Code section are received prior to the approval by the General Assembly being provided, such funds shall be paid into the state treasury and held until approval by the General Assembly for the acceptance of such funds by such state authority, agency, board, bureau, commission, department, office, public corporation, or other entity of state government is obtained. If the General Assembly does not approve the acceptance of such funds, such funds shall be returned to the federal government."

SECTION 4.

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