

Senate Bill 503

By: Senators Strickland of the 17th and Tillery of the 19th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to inspection of public records, so as to make the Open Records Act and provisions  
3 for the inspection of public records applicable to the General Assembly, including its  
4 individual members, committees, commissions, and offices; to revise a definition; to provide  
5 for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
9 inspection of public records, is amended by revising subsection (b) of Code  
10 Section 50-18-70, relating to legislative intent and definitions, as follows:

11 "(b) As used in this article, the term:

12 (1) 'Agency' shall have the same meaning as in Code Section 50-14-1 and shall  
13 additionally include ~~any~~:

14 (A) The General Assembly, including its individual members, committees,  
15 commissions, and offices; and

16 (B) Any association, corporation, or other similar organization that has a membership  
17 or ownership body composed primarily of counties, municipal corporations, or school  
18 districts of this state, their officers, or any combination thereof and derives more than  
19 33 1/3 percent of its general operating budget from payments from such political  
20 subdivisions.

21 (2) 'Public record' means all documents, papers, letters, maps, books, tapes, photographs,  
22 computer based or generated information, data, data fields, or similar material prepared  
23 and maintained or received by an agency or by a private person or entity in the  
24 performance of a service or function for or on behalf of an agency or when such  
25 documents have been transferred to a private person or entity by an agency for storage  
26 or future governmental use."

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**SECTION 2.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.