

The House Committee on Rules offers the following substitute to SB 345:

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 regarding state government, so as to prohibit state and local governments
3 from mandating COVID-19 vaccine passports; to provide for exceptions; to provide for
4 definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for automatic repeal; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

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

11 "50-1-11.

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

13 (1) 'Agency' means:

14 (A) Every state department, agency, board, bureau, office, commission, public
15 corporation, and authority;

16 (B) Every county, municipal corporation, school district, or other political subdivision
17 of this state;

18 (C) Every department, agency, board, bureau, office, commission, authority, or similar
19 body of each such county, municipal corporation, or other political subdivision of this
20 state; and

21 (D) Every city, county, regional, or other authority established pursuant to the laws of
22 this state.

23 (2) 'COVID-19' means severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2),
24 and any mutation or viral fragments thereof, or any disease or condition caused by severe
25 acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), which was the subject of the
26 public health state of emergency declared by the Governor on March 14, 2020.

27 (b)(1) No agency shall require proof of COVID-19 vaccination of any person as a
28 condition of providing any service or access to any facility, issuing any license, permit,
29 or other type of authorization, or performing any duty of such agency.

30 (2) No agency, through any rule, regulation, ordinance, resolution, or other action shall
31 require that any person or private entity require proof of COVID-19 vaccination of any
32 person as a condition of providing any service or access to any facility, or as a condition
33 of such person or private entity's performance of any regular activity by such person or
34 private entity.

35 (c) This Code section shall not apply if compliance with this Code section would require
36 an agency to violate one or more regulations of the federal Centers for Medicare and
37 Medicaid Services or any federal contractual terms applying to workplace locations in
38 which one or more individuals are working on or in connection with a federal government
39 contract.

40 (d) This Code section shall stand repealed by operation of law on June 30, 2023."

