

House Bill 387

By: Representatives Thomas of the 21st, LaHood of the 175th, Gullett of the 19th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Ridley of the 22nd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 70 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to service delivery, so as to require service delivery agreement to include a growth
3 boundary agreement component; to provide for circumstances when growth boundary
4 agreements may be excluded; to provide definitions; to provide for related matters; to
5 provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 2 of Chapter 70 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 service delivery, is amended by revising Code Section 36-70-23, relating to required
10 components, as such Code section becomes effective on January 1, 2026, as follows:

11 "36-70-23.

12 Each local government service delivery strategy shall include the following components:

13 (1) An identification of all local government services presently provided or primarily
14 funded by each general purpose local government and each authority within the county,
15 or providing services within the county, and a description of the geographic area in which
16 the identified services are provided by each jurisdiction;

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17 (2) An assignment of which local government or authority, pursuant to the requirements
 18 of this article, will provide each service, the geographic areas of the county in which such
 19 services are to be provided, and a description of any services to be provided by any local
 20 government to any geographic area outside its geographical boundaries. In the event two
 21 or more local governments within the county are assigned responsibility for providing
 22 identical services within the same geographic area, the strategy shall include an
 23 explanation of such arrangement;

24 (3) A description of the source of the funding for each service identified pursuant to
 25 paragraph (2) of this Code section; ~~and~~

26 (4) An identification of the mechanisms to be utilized to facilitate the implementation of
 27 the services and funding responsibilities identified pursuant to paragraphs (2) and (3) of
 28 this Code section; and

29 (5)(A) As used in this paragraph, the term:

30 (i) 'Affected municipality' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section
 31 36-70-25.2; and

32 (ii) 'Growth boundary agreement' means an agreement by a county and all
 33 municipalities located wholly or partially within such county that outlines and defines
 34 future potential growth through annexation for such municipalities.

35 (B) A growth boundary agreement, unless the county and each affected municipality
 36 agree in such service delivery strategy to exclude such a growth boundary agreement."

37 **SECTION 2.**

38 This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

39 **SECTION 3.**

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