

Senate Bill 378

By: Senator Moore of the 53rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 government transparency and campaign finance, so as to prohibit leadership committees; to  
3 prohibit lobbying activities by any organization that is the beneficiary of public funds; to  
4 provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal  
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Anti-Corruption Act."

9 **SECTION 2.**

10 Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to government  
11 transparency and campaign finance, is amended by revising Code Section 21-5-34.2, relating  
12 to leadership committee defined, operation, and separate from campaign committees, as  
13 follows:

14 "21-5-34.2.

15 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'leadership committee' means a committee,  
16 corporation, or organization chaired by the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the  
17 nominee of a political party for Governor selected in a primary election in the year in  
18 which he or she is nominated, or the nominee of a political party for Lieutenant Governor  
19 selected in a primary election in the year in which he or she is nominated. Such term shall  
20 also mean up to two political action committees designated by the majority caucus of the  
21 House of Representatives, the minority caucus of the House of Representatives, the  
22 majority caucus of the Senate, and the minority caucus of the Senate. No person may chair  
23 more than one leadership committee.

24 (b) Leadership committees shall be prohibited, and any leadership committee in existence  
25 on July 1, 2026, shall be prohibited from making further expenditures, return all  
26 contributions to the persons who made such contributions, and upon disposing of all assets  
27 dissolve its legal existence. A leadership committee may receive contributions from  
28 persons who are members or supporters of the leadership committee and expend such funds  
29 as permitted by this Code section.

30 (c) ~~If a person chairing a leadership committee ceases to hold the office or the status as a~~  
31 ~~nominee of a political party as described in subsection (a) of this Code section, such person~~  
32 ~~shall transfer the remaining assets of the leadership committee, if any, to another leadership~~  
33 ~~committee within 60 days, name an eligible person as the new chairperson of the leadership~~  
34 ~~committee within 60 days, or dispose of the leadership committee's assets as provided by~~  
35 ~~Code Section 21-5-33.~~

36 (d) ~~A leadership committee may accept contributions or make expenditures for the purpose~~  
37 ~~of affecting the outcome of any election or advocating for the election or defeat of any~~  
38 ~~candidate, may defray ordinary and necessary expenses incurred in connection with any~~  
39 ~~candidate's campaign for elective office, and may defray ordinary and necessary expenses~~  
40 ~~incurred in connection with a public officer's fulfillment or retention of such office.~~

41 ~~(e) A leadership committee which accepts contributions or makes expenditures in excess~~  
 42 ~~of \$500.00 shall register with the commission within ten days of such accepted contribution~~  
 43 ~~or such expenditure and, thereafter, shall file disclosure reports pursuant to the schedule~~  
 44 ~~defined for candidates and campaign committees in subsection (c) of Code~~  
 45 ~~Section 21-5-34. Such disclosure reports shall be made pursuant to subsection (b) of Code~~  
 46 ~~Section 21-5-34. The contribution limits in Code Section 21-5-41 shall not apply to~~  
 47 ~~contributions to a leadership committee or expenditures made by a leadership committee~~  
 48 ~~in support of a candidate or a group of named candidates. All communications paid for by~~  
 49 ~~expenditures of the leadership committee shall contain a disclaimer, either audibly or in~~  
 50 ~~writing, that the communication is paid for by the leadership committee, unless such~~  
 51 ~~disclaimer is impractical.~~

52 ~~(f) A leadership committee shall be a separate legal entity from a candidate's campaign~~  
 53 ~~committee and shall not be considered an independent committee."~~

54 **SECTION 3.**

55 Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

56 "21-5-77.

57 On and after July 1, 2026, no organization of which the majority of the members are  
 58 political subdivisions of this state, elected or appointed officers or officials of this state, or  
 59 a county, municipality, school district, or other political subdivision and which is the  
 60 beneficiary of public funds appropriated by the state or any county, municipality,  
 61 consolidated government, school system, or other political subdivision shall engage in  
 62 lobbying or make any lobbying expenditures."

63 **SECTION 4.**

64 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

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**SECTION 5.**

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