

House Bill 1178

By: Representatives Horner of the 3rd, Tarvin of the 2nd, Persinger of the 119th, Scoggins of the 14th, Ridley of the 6th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions regarding financial affairs, so as to establish the Budget and
3 Fiscal Affairs Oversight Committee of the House of Representatives; to provide for
4 appointment; to provide for duties, functions, and powers; to provide for reporting and
5 summaries; to provide for member allowances; to provide for audits; to provide for related
6 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
10 general provisions regarding financial affairs, is amended by revising Code Section 28-5-5,
11 which is reserved, as follows:

12 "28-5-5.

13 (a) There is created the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight Committee comprising 18
14 members of the House of Representatives appointed in accordance with the rules of the
15 House of Representatives. The members of such committee shall be selected within ten

16 days after the convening of the General Assembly in each odd-numbered year and shall
17 serve until their successors are appointed.

18 (b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint a member of the committee
19 to serve as chairperson. The committee shall meet at least nine times each year and, upon
20 the call of the chairperson, at such additional times as deemed necessary by the
21 chairperson.

22 (c) It shall be the duty of such committee to consult with the Governor and the Office of
23 Planning and Budget concerning the development and implementation of the strategic
24 planning process, the development of outcome measures for program evaluation, and the
25 implementation of related actions.

26 (d) It shall be the duty of the committee to review and evaluate the following:

27 (1) The strategic plans for the state and individual departments submitted by the Office
28 of Planning and Budget;

29 (2) Information or reports to be submitted by the Office of Planning and Budget
30 identifying moneys received and the purposes for which moneys are expended in any
31 case in which the receipt or expenditure is not contemplated by an appropriations Act;

32 (3) Such other information or reports as deemed necessary by the committee; and

33 (4) Liabilities of the state and individual departments and agencies.

34 (e) The Office of Planning and Budget and the head of each budget unit shall cooperate
35 with the committee and shall provide such information or reports as requested by the
36 committee for the performance of its functions.

37 (f) The committee shall make an annual report of its activities and findings to the
38 membership of the General Assembly and the Governor within one week of the convening
39 of each regular session of the General Assembly. The chairperson of the committee shall
40 prepare written executive summaries of such report prior to the adoption of the General
41 Appropriations Act each year. The committee shall not be required to distribute copies of
42 the annual report or the executive summaries to the members of the General Assembly but

43 shall notify members of the availability of such materials in the manner which it deems to
44 be most effective and efficient. The committee chairperson shall provide a copy of the
45 executive summaries to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the chairperson
46 of the House Committee on Appropriations.

47 (g) The members of the committee shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative
48 members of legislative committees. The funds necessary to pay such allowances shall
49 come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives.

50 (h) The committee, upon a determination of necessity, shall be authorized to request that
51 a performance audit be conducted for any state or local governmental entity which receives
52 state funding. Such audit may be conducted by one or more third-party auditors. The
53 funds necessary to pay for such audit shall come from funds appropriated to the House of
54 Representatives.

55 (i) The committee shall have the power to call any elected official, state employee, county
56 manager, or school superintendent to address the committee's findings. Reserved."

57 **SECTION 2.**

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