

Senate Bill 549

By: Senators Howard of the 35th, Kemp of the 38th, Harrell of the 40th, Wicks of the 34th and Anderson of the 43rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 general provisions regarding law enforcement officers and agencies, so as to prohibit covered
3 governmental entities from providing funding or resources in support of the operation of
4 immigration detention centers; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to
5 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 1 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
9 provisions regarding law enforcement officers and agencies, is amended by adding a new
10 Code section to read as follows:

11 "35-1-17.1.

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

13 (1) 'Covered entity' means every:

14 (A) State department, agency, board, bureau, office, commission, public corporation,
15 authority, and political subdivision thereof;

16 (B) County, municipal corporation, local school district, and political subdivision
17 thereof of the State of Georgia; and

18 (C) City, county, regional, and other authority established pursuant to the laws of the
19 State of Georgia.

20 (2) 'Detainee' means a noncitizen who is held in an immigration detention center pending
21 immigration proceedings or removal from the United States under the authority of the
22 United States Department of Homeland Security or United States Immigration and
23 Customs Enforcement.

24 (3) 'Immigration detention center' means any facility located in this state that holds
25 detainees, including private facilities contracted by the federal government to hold such
26 detainees.

27 (b) No covered entity shall provide funding or resources in support of the operation of
28 immigration detention centers."

29 **SECTION 2.**

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.