

House Bill 1451

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 8 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 Department of Community Affairs, so as to provide for local governments and nonprofit  
3 organizations to incentivize households to relocate from outside this state to local  
4 governments in this state; to provide for a grant program administered by the Department of  
5 Community Affairs; to provide for eligibility criteria; to provide for rules and regulations;  
6 to provide definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
7 purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Chapter 8 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department  
11 of Community Affairs, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

12 "ARTICLE 14

13 50-8-320.

14 As used in this article, the term:

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- 15 (1) 'Department' means the Department of Community Affairs.
- 16 (2) 'Household' means one or more individuals who live together within the same  
17 dwelling.
- 18 (3) 'Household goal' means the total number of households that a local government or  
19 nonprofit organization seeks to relocate from outside this state to a local government in  
20 this state.
- 21 (4) 'Local government' means a county, city, or consolidated government in this state.
- 22 (5) 'Nonprofit organization' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section  
23 50-18-160.
- 24 50-8-321.
- 25 (a) Subject to appropriations, the department shall create and administer a talent  
26 recruitment program for the purpose of awarding grants to incentivize households to  
27 relocate from outside this state to a local government in this state. Such grants shall be  
28 awarded to local governments and nonprofit organizations with a stated mission that  
29 includes economic development, workforce and talent development, or community  
30 development.
- 31 (b) Local governments and nonprofit organizations applying for such grants shall submit  
32 a talent recruitment plan that includes the following:
- 33 (1) The total estimated cost of the talent recruitment program and the individual  
34 estimated costs associated with such program's design, administration, marketing, and  
35 relocation incentive initiatives;
- 36 (2) Such program's household goal and the estimated total grant amount per household;
- 37 (3) Such program's estimated state and local tax impact; and
- 38 (4) Such program's estimated total economic impact.
- 39 (c) Local governments and nonprofit organizations applying for such grants shall be  
40 required to demonstrate the ability to contribute at least 20 percent of the total talent

41 recruitment program cost. Such contribution may include local investments and in-kind  
42 donations.

43 (d) Each local government and nonprofit organization receiving a grant shall provide  
44 semiannual reports to the department containing the following information:

45 (1) The total number of household applications;

46 (2) The total number of approved households;

47 (3) The costs per approved household;

48 (4) The annual incomes and occupations of approved households;

49 (5) The economic impact of the talent recruitment program, including state and local tax  
50 revenue and new consumer spending; and

51 (6) Verification of eligibility for moved and committed to move households.

52 (e) A household shall be eligible for talent recruitment program incentives if such  
53 household:

54 (1) Resides outside of this state at the time the household applies for talent recruitment  
55 program incentives;

56 (2) Has a household income of at least \$55,000.00; and

57 (3) Submits an application to the local government or nonprofit organization grant  
58 recipient to receive talent recruitment program incentives.

59 (f) The department shall disburse 50 percent of the total grant award upon entering into a  
60 grant contract and 50 percent of the total grant award upon the local government or  
61 nonprofit organization reporting to the department that it has successfully met half of the  
62 household goal stated in the talent recruitment plan. If the local government or nonprofit  
63 organization fails to meet half of its stated household goal, the department shall not  
64 disburse the remainder of the grant award. In order for a previous local government or  
65 nonprofit organization grant recipient to be eligible for any subsequent grants, such local  
66 government or nonprofit organization shall have met the household goal stated in its prior  
67 grant application.

68 (g) The department shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be reasonable and  
69 necessary for the administration of this article."

70 **SECTION 2.**

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