

House Bill 1381

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 general provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental  
3 entities, so as to require water and sewer authority board members to complete yearly  
4 continuing training courses; to make such courses a prerequisite for Georgia Environmental  
5 Finance Authority funding; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
6 other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general  
10 provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities,  
11 is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

12 "36-80-29.

13 (a) Beginning on July 1, 2023, each member of a local water authority, sewer authority,  
14 or water and sewer authority, whether such authority was established pursuant to a local  
15 law or by ordinance of a county or municipal governing authority, shall have in the  
16 preceding 12 months satisfactorily completed four hours of continuing training courses on

17 water, sewer, or environmental quality programs. Such training can occur either in person  
18 or online.

19 (b) After July 1, 2023, the continuing education courses required by this Code section shall  
20 be a prerequisite for an authority to access funding from or administered by the Georgia  
21 Environmental Finance Authority established pursuant to Chapter 23 of Title 50."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.