

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations offered the following substitute to HB 1382:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 36-62A-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 required training on development and redevelopment programs, so as to require directors to  
3 do yearly continuing education; to make such continuing education a prerequisite for  
4 OneGeorgia Authority funding; to authorize waiver of training requirement; to amend  
5 Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general  
6 provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to prohibit rules and  
7 regulations related to gasoline-powered leaf blowers except by general law; to provide for  
8 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 Code Section 36-62A-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to required  
12 training on development and redevelopment programs, is amended as follows:

13 "36-62A-21.

14 (a) Except for a director who is also a member of the governing body of a municipal  
15 corporation or county, each director or member of the governing board or body of a  
16 development authority shall attend and complete at least eight hours of training on

17 development and redevelopment programs within the first 12 months of the director's or  
18 member's appointment to the development authority. ~~Directors and members in office on~~  
19 ~~January 1, 2000, shall be exempt from this requirement unless reappointed for an additional~~  
20 ~~term.~~

21 (b) After July 1, 2023, directors or members required to complete the training provided for  
22 in subsection (a) of this Code section shall also attend and complete at least four hours of  
23 continuing training on development and redevelopment programs each year such director  
24 or member is a director or member of such authority. Such training can occur either in  
25 person or online. A director shall be considered in compliance with this subsection if he  
26 or she completes such training by the end of February of the year after such training was  
27 required, provided that if such director does not complete such training and is still a  
28 director, then such noncompliance shall apply to the authority for such year after such  
29 training was required. Training under this subsection shall not be required for a year in  
30 which training is required under subsection (a) of this Code section.

31 (c) After July 1, 2023, the training required by this subsection shall be a prerequisite for  
32 any authority to access funding from or administered by the OneGeorgia Authority  
33 established pursuant to Chapter 34 of Title 50.

34 (d) The training requirement in subsection (b) of this Code section may be waived at the  
35 discretion of the executive director of the OneGeorgia Authority."

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## SECTION 2.

37 Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general  
38 provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, is amended by adding a new  
39 Code section to read as follows:

40 "36-60-30.

41 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'gasoline-powered leaf blower' means any  
42 machine that is powered by a two-stroke or four-stroke engine, using gasoline or a blend

43 of gasoline and oil as fuel, and is used to blow leaves, dirt, or other debris off of sidewalks,  
44 driveways, lawns, or other surfaces.

45 (b) There shall be no prohibition or regulation regarding the use, disposition, or sale or any  
46 imposition of any restriction, fee imposition, or taxation at the retail, manufacturer, or  
47 distributor setting creating a differing standard for or distinguishing gasoline-powered leaf  
48 blowers from any other gasoline-powered, electric, or similar equipment or other type of  
49 leaf blower. Nothing in this subsection shall apply to the use of gasoline-powered leaf  
50 blowers on property owned by a county or municipality.

51 (c) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prohibit or limit any county or  
52 municipal program from encouraging the use of alternative leaf blower equipment, such  
53 as battery powered tools."

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### **SECTION 3.**

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