

House Bill 902

By: Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th, and Roberts of the 52nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to inspection of public records, so as to provide an exception to the fees that may be
3 charged for the disclosure of certain public records; to provide for a definition; to provide for
4 related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Enhancing Legislative Access to Public
9 Records Act."

10 **SECTION 2.**

11 Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
12 inspection of public records, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

13 "50-18-79.

14 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'executive branch agency' means every
15 department, agency, board, bureau, office, commission, and authority of the executive
16 branch of government of the state and every public corporation of the state.

17 (b) The fees provided for in this article shall not apply to records requested from an
18 executive branch agency by a member of the General Assembly when such request is made
19 in writing by the member who affirmatively indicates that such information is sought in
20 furtherance of his or her legislative duties or to render constituent services and is signed
21 by the member. The lawful custodian shall provide copies of such records to the requesting
22 member of the General Assembly unless the records are exempt from disclosure under this
23 article."

24 **SECTION 3.**

25 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
26 without such approval.

27 **SECTION 4.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.