

Senate Bill 90

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to highways, bridges,  
2 and ferries, so as provide for the periodic submission of certain information by state,  
3 regional, and local transportation authorities to the Governor's Development Council; to  
4 require the submission of certain information to the Georgia Coordinating Committee for  
5 Rural and Human Services Transportation by the Governor's Development Council; to  
6 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to highways, bridges, and ferries,  
10 is amended in Chapter 9, relating to mass transportation, by adding a new Code section to  
11 read as follows:

12 "32-9-11.1.

13 (a) Beginning July 1, 2013, all state, regional, and local government authorities that  
14 provide public mass transportation services shall examine the manner in which  
15 transportation services are provided and develop a report of potential public-private  
16 partnership alternatives to such services. Such examination shall include but not be limited  
17 to:

18 (1) The means by which the private sector could be utilized to deliver reasonable and  
19 responsive service, either wholly or in part, including, but not limited to, the operation  
20 of bus or rail services and the maintenance of vehicles;

21 (2) A review of any impediments which may hinder the implementation of public-private  
22 partnerships and steps that can be taken to remove or reduce such impediments, including  
23 timetables for implementation;

24 (3) An evaluation of nonpublic sector transportation providers as potential partners for  
25 more cost-effective and cost-efficient service delivery to disabled and aging communities,

26 including, but not limited to, private sector, nonprofit, volunteer, and faith based  
 27 transportation providers;

28 (4) The means by which services may be provided by nonpublic sector transportation  
 29 providers while ensuring public accountability and customer satisfaction through the use  
 30 of internal mechanisms designed to provide input and recommendations from customers;

31 (5) An analysis of functions which lend themselves to public-private partnerships,  
 32 including, but not limited to, information technology, planning, financial management  
 33 activities, fleet management of rolling stock, use of existing procurement contracts to  
 34 achieve maximum cost efficiencies, internal functions which are essential to service  
 35 delivery and directly supportive of service delivery, and routine agency functions which  
 36 at a minimum include routing and scheduling; and

37 (6) The means of improving customer information and trip planning through the  
 38 incorporation of mobility management approaches to service delivery through private  
 39 sector information technology providers. 'Mobility management approaches' means  
 40 technology based systems designed to inform travelers of all available transportation  
 41 options within a geographic area, regardless of the provider.

42 (b) By March 1, 2015, and every other year thereafter, a report of public-private  
 43 partnership alternatives shall be submitted to the Governor's Development Council. No  
 44 later than July 1 of each year thereafter, the council shall submit a report to the members  
 45 of the State Advisory Subcommittee for Rural and Human Services Transportation as  
 46 required under Code Section 32-12-6, which shall include a summary of the reports  
 47 submitted on public-private partnership alternatives."

48 **SECTION 2.**

49 Said title is further amended in Chapter 12, relating to the Georgia Coordinating Committee  
 50 for Rural and Human Services Transportation, by revising Code Section 32-12-6, relating to  
 51 required reports and recommendations, as follows:

52 "32-12-6.

53 No later than July 1 of each year, the Governor's Development Council shall submit the  
 54 preliminary report of the Georgia Coordinating Committee for Rural and Human Services  
 55 Transportation and a summary of public-private partnership alternatives reports as  
 56 described under Code Section 32-9-11.1 to the members of the State Advisory  
 57 Subcommittee for Rural and Human Services Transportation. Comments and  
 58 recommendations may be submitted to the Governor's Development Council for a period  
 59 of 30 days. No later than September 1 of each year, the Governor's Development Council  
 60 shall submit a final report to the ~~Governor's~~ Office of Planning and Budget for review and  
 61 consideration. The report shall address each of the specific duties enumerated in Code

62 Section 32-12-5 and such other subject areas within its purview as the Governor's  
63 Development Council shall deem appropriate. Each report shall focus on existing  
64 conditions in coordination of rural and human services transportation within the state and  
65 shall make specific recommendations for means to improve such current practices. Such  
66 recommendations shall address at a minimum both their cost implications and impact on  
67 client service. No later than January 15 of each year, the ~~Governor's~~ Office of Planning  
68 and Budget shall submit the final report of the Governor's Development Council and any  
69 affiliated budget recommendations to the presiding officers of the General Assembly, with  
70 copies of said report sent to the chairpersons of the transportation committees, the  
71 appropriations committees, and the health and human services committees of each chamber  
72 of the General Assembly."

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**SECTION 3.**

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