

House Bill 1131

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government,
2 so as to create the Special Federal Funds Overview Committee; to provide for its
3 composition, manner of appointment, and terms of office; to provide for a chairperson and
4 vice chairperson; to provide for its duties, powers, and authority; to provide for certain
5 assistance and cooperation; to provide for certain reports; to provide for compensation; 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 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended
10 by adding a new chapter to read as follows:

11 "CHAPTER 41

12 50-41-1.

13 (a) There is established the Special Federal Funds Overview Committee to be composed
14 of three members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the

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15 House of Representatives, three members of the Senate to be appointed by the President
16 of the Senate, the director of the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office or his or her
17 designee, the director of the House Budget and Research Office or his or her designee, and
18 three members of the General Assembly to be appointed by the Governor. The legislative
19 members shall serve for terms as members of the committee concurrent with their terms
20 of office as members of the General Assembly. The first members of the committee shall
21 be appointed by not later than July 1, 2022. Thereafter, their successors shall be appointed
22 during the first 30 days of each regular legislative session which is held immediately
23 following the election of members of the General Assembly.

24 (b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate one member of the
25 committee as chairperson of the committee. The President of the Senate shall designate
26 one member of the committee as vice chairperson of the committee. The members
27 designated as chairperson and vice chairperson shall serve for terms as such officers
28 concurrent with their terms as members of the committee. Other than the chairperson and
29 vice chairperson provided for in this subsection, the committee shall provide for its own
30 organization.

31 (c) The committee shall periodically inquire into and review the use, distribution of, and
32 allocation of all special funds received from the federal government by the State of
33 Georgia. Special funds shall be those funds which are received from the federal
34 government on a one-time or limited basis as a result of extraordinary events in the nation
35 or which are to be used as formula funding of at least \$1 billion.

36 (d) The Office of Planning and Budget shall cooperate with the committee and its
37 authorized personnel in order that the committee may efficiently and effectively carry out
38 its duties. The Office of Planning and Budget shall submit to the committee such reports
39 and data as the committee shall reasonably require in order that the committee may
40 adequately inform itself of the use, distribution of, and allocation of special funds received
41 by the state from the federal government. The committee shall, on or before the first day

42 of January of each year and at such other times as it deems to be in the public interest,
43 submit to the General Assembly a report of its findings and recommendations based upon
44 its review of the handling of such special federal funding.

45 (e) The members of the committee shall receive the same expenses and allowances for
46 their services on the committee as are authorized by law for members of interim legislative
47 study committees."

48 **SECTION 2.**

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