

House Bill 1647

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 23 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to general provisions of the Environmental Finance Authority, so as to
3 provide definitions; to require the Environmental Finance Authority to include the number
4 of minority business enterprises claiming grants for clean energy property and the
5 compensation and benefits associated with the construction, purchase, or lease of clean
6 energy property in its annual report; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 23 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
10 relating to general provisions of the Environmental Finance Authority is amended by revising
11 paragraphs (5) and (6) of Code Section 50-23-4, relating to definitions, as follows:

12 "(5) 'Environmental facilities' means any projects, structures, and other real or personal
13 property acquired, rehabilitated, constructed, or planned:

14 (A) For the purposes of supplying, distributing, and treating water and diverting,
15 channeling, or controlling water flow and head including, but not limited to, surface or
16 ground water, canals, reservoirs, channels, basins, dams, aqueducts, standpipes,

17 penstocks, conduits, pipelines, mains, pumping stations, water distribution systems,
18 compensating reservoirs, intake stations, waterworks or sources of water supply, wells,
19 purification or filtration plants or other treatment plants and works, connections, water
20 meters, mechanical equipment, electric generating equipment, rights of flowage or
21 division and other plant structures, equipment, conveyances, real or personal property
22 or rights therein and appurtenances, furnishings, accessories, and devices thereto
23 necessary or useful and convenient for the collection, conveyance, distribution,
24 pumping, treatment, storing, or disposing of water;

25 (B) For the purposes of collecting, treating, or disposing of sewage including, but not
26 limited to, main, trunk, intercepting, connecting, lateral, outlet, or other sewers, outfall,
27 pumping stations, treatment and disposal plants, ground water recharge basins,
28 backflow prevention devices, sludge dewatering or disposal equipment and facilities,
29 clarifiers, filters, phosphorus removal equipment and other plants, soil absorption
30 systems, innovative systems or equipment, structures, equipment, vehicles,
31 conveyances, real or personal property or rights therein, and appurtenances thereto
32 necessary or useful and convenient for the collection, conveyance, pumping, treatment,
33 neutralization, storing, and disposing of sewage;

34 (C) For the purposes of collecting, treating, recycling, composting, or disposing of
35 solid waste, including, but not limited to, trucks, dumpsters, intermediate reception
36 stations or facilities, transfer stations, incinerators, shredders, treatment plants, landfills,
37 landfill equipment, barrels, binders, barges, alternative technologies and other plant
38 structures, equipment, conveyances, improvements, real or personal property or rights
39 therein, and appurtenances, furnishings, accessories, and devices thereto necessary or
40 useful and convenient for the collection, treatment, or disposal of solid waste; ~~or~~

41 (D) For the purposes of carrying out a community land conservation project or a state
42 land conservation project pursuant to Chapter 22 of Title 36;

43 (E) For the purposes of reducing air pollution in indoor or outdoor atmospheres,
 44 particularly the presence of solid or liquid particulate matter, dust, fumes, gas, mist,
 45 smoke, or vapor or any matter or substance, either physical, chemical, biological, or
 46 radioactive, including, without limitation, source material, special nuclear material, and
 47 by-product material, or any combination of any of the above; or

48 (F) For the purposes of construction, purchase, lease, or improvement of clean energy
 49 property as that term is defined in Code Section 50-23-21.

50 (6) 'Environmental services' means the provision, collectively or individually, of water
 51 facilities, sewerage facilities, solid waste facilities, community land conservation projects
 52 or state land conservation projects pursuant to Chapter 22 of Title 36, reduction of air
 53 pollution, clean energy property, or management services."

54 **SECTION 2.**

55 Said part is further amended by revising subsection (d) of Code section 50-23-21, relating
 56 to grants for clean energy property, as follows:

57 "(d) The authority shall provide an annual report of:

58 (1) The number of persons that claimed the grants allowed in this Code section,
 59 including the number of minority business enterprises, as that term is defined in Code
 60 Section 50-5-131;

61 (2) The cost of clean energy property with respect to which grants were issued;

62 (3) The type of clean energy property installed and the location;

63 (4) A determination of associated energy and economic benefits to the state; ~~and~~

64 (5) The total amount of grants allowed; ~~and~~

65 (6) The compensation and benefits associated with the construction, purchase, or lease
 66 of clean energy property funded by the grants issued pursuant to this Code section."

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SECTION 3.

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