

House Bill 41

By: Representative Smith of the 125th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ethics in government, so as to revise what public officers may receive for participation in certain activities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ethics in government, is amended by revising Code Section 21-5-11, relating to acceptance by public officers of monetary fees or honoraria, as follows:

"21-5-11.

(a) No public officer other than a public officer elected state wide shall accept a monetary fee or ~~honorarium~~ other valuable consideration in excess of \$100.00 for a speaking engagement, participation in a seminar, discussion panel, or other activity which directly relates to the official duties of that public officer or the office of that public officer.

(b) No public officer elected state wide shall accept any monetary fee or ~~honorarium~~ other valuable consideration for a speaking engagement, participation in a seminar, discussion panel, or other such activity.

(c) For purposes of this chapter, actual and reasonable expenses for food, beverages, travel, lodging, and registration for a meeting which are provided to permit participation in a panel or speaking engagement at the meeting shall not be monetary fees or ~~honoraria~~ other valuable consideration."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.