

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to social services, so
2 as to create the Legislative Gang Prevention and Intervention Commission; to provide for
3 membership; to provide for powers, duties, and objectives; to provide for related matters; to
4 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to social services, is amended
8 by adding a new chapter to read as follows:

9 "CHAPTER 11

10 49-11-1.

11 There is created the Legislative Gang Prevention and Intervention Commission. The
12 commission shall submit an annual report recommending strategic, coordinated, and
13 collaborative efforts between educational institutions and community and social services
14 organizations for the implementation and maintenance of programs and initiatives designed

15 to prevent and intervene in criminal gang participation by youth. Such report shall be
16 submitted to the House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee and the Senate
17 Public Safety Committee no later than January 1 of each calendar year.

18 49-11-2.

19 (a) The Legislative Gang Prevention and Intervention Commission shall consist of 14
20 members as follows:

21 (1) Two members who shall be appointed by the chairperson of the House Public Safety
22 and Homeland Security Committee;

23 (2) Two members who shall be appointed by the chairperson of the Senate Public Safety
24 Committee;

25 (3) A representative appointed by the Governor from the membership of the Georgia
26 Sheriffs' Association;

27 (4) A representative appointed by the Governor from the membership of the Georgia
28 Association of Chiefs of Police;

29 (5) A representative appointed by the Governor from the membership of the District
30 Attorneys Association of Georgia;

31 (6) A representative appointed by the Governor from the membership of the Georgia
32 Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers;

33 (7) Six members who shall be educators or representatives of the community or social
34 service organizations with youth programs as follows:

35 (A) Two members to be appointed by the Governor where one such member shall be
36 designated by the Governor to serve as chairperson of the commission;

37 (B) Two members to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor; and

38 (C) Two members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

39 (b) Members shall each be appointed for a term of two years and no member may serve
40 more than two consecutive terms. All vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term by
41 an appointee of the original appointing official.

42 (c) The commission shall hold regular meetings at such times and such places as it may
43 deem necessary or convenient, to accomplish the objectives and purposes of this chapter.
44 Special meetings may be called by the chairperson or a majority of the members of the
45 commission.

46 (d) A quorum for transacting business shall be determined by the members of the
47 commission.

48 (e) Members shall serve without compensation; provided, however, that any legislative
49 member shall receive the allowances authorized by law for legislative members of interim
50 legislative committees and any members who are state employees shall be reimbursed for
51 expenses incurred by them in the same manner as they are reimbursed for expenses in their
52 capacities as state employees.

53 49-11-3.

54 The Legislative Gang Prevention and Intervention Commission shall have the following
55 objectives:

56 (1) Submit an annual report recommending a plan for strategic, coordinated, and
57 collaborative efforts between educational institutions and community and social services
58 organizations for the purpose of preventing and intervening in criminal gang participation
59 by youth; and

60 (2) To provide informational resources, strategic guidance, research, and best practices
61 to social services and community organizations in the implementation of programs and
62 initiatives designed to prevent and intervene in criminal gang participation by youth."

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SECTION 2.

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