

House Bill 665

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 general provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental
3 entities, so as to enact the "Johnny Tolbert III Heat Stroke Youth Protection Act"; to require
4 local governments or authorities operating parks and recreation facilities used by youth
5 athletic organizations to ensure such parks and facilities are equipped with certain vessels for
6 heat related injuries; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
7 purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
11 provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities,
12 is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

13 "36-80-29.

14 (a) This Code section shall be known and may be cited as the 'Johnny Tolbert III Heat
15 Stroke Youth Protection Act.'

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16 (b) Each county, municipality, and local government authority that owns and operates
17 parks or recreational facilities shall ensure that each such park or recreational facility that
18 is used by a youth athletic organization for athletic games, practices, or training involving
19 individuals 18 years of age or younger is equipped with at least one vessel with a capacity
20 of at least 150 gallons that can be used in the event of a heat related injury or emergency.

21 (c) During the months of April through September and at any time at which the
22 temperature reaches 93 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, such vessel shall be sanitized prior
23 to each athletic game, practice, or training event at the park or facility.

24 (d) The park or facility shall have ice available for the treatment of heat related injuries or
25 emergencies during the months of April through September and at any time at which the
26 temperature reaches 93 degrees Fahrenheit or higher.

27 (e) The county, municipality, or local government authority shall designate an employee
28 of the county, municipality, or local government authority who shall be responsible for
29 assuring compliance with the provisions of this Code section at the parks and recreational
30 facilities owned and operated by such county, municipality, or local government authority."

31 **SECTION 2.**

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