

House Bill 796

By: Representatives Gaines of the 117<sup>th</sup>, Wiedower of the 119<sup>th</sup>, and Frye of the 118<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Classic Center Authority for Clarke County, approved  
2 March 10, 1988 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 3799), as amended, particularly by an Act approved  
3 May 2, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5665), so as to change certain provisions relative to the purpose  
4 and powers of the authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act creating the Classic Center Authority for Clarke County, approved March 10, 1988  
9 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 3799), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 2, 2002  
10 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5665), is amended by revising subsection (b) of Section 1 as follows:

11 "(b) The purpose of the authority shall be for the development and promotion in Clarke  
12 County and in this state of public projects for the cultural growth, public welfare,  
13 education, and recreation of the people of Clarke County and of this state, including:

14 (1) The acquisition and construction of a building or buildings and related facilities,  
15 which shall be and are declared to be public buildings and structures, to be used for  
16 amusement, recreation, civil, cultural, commercial, hotel, parking, and educational

17 purposes or a combination thereof, including fairs, expositions, exhibits, conventions,  
18 conferences, public meetings or gatherings, concerts, theaters, arenas, museums, and for  
19 such other purposes as are designed and intended to promote education, culture, tourism,  
20 and the arts; and

21 (2) The purchase and lease of property, including land and improvements, the lease of  
22 land as lessor or lessee, the management of property, including land and improvements  
23 and the grant or receipt of easements, rights in land, and franchises which may be entered  
24 with any private sector person or entity and may provide for ownership of improvements  
25 located on public property by a private sector person or entity, provided that any funds  
26 realized by said authority in connection with the aforementioned projects shall be  
27 expended for the authority's purpose as stated herein."

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## SECTION 2.

29 Said Act is further amended by revising paragraph (6) of Section 4 as follows:

30 "(6) To construct, reconstruct, acquire, equip, own, alter, repair, maintain, add to, extend,  
31 improve, operate, and manage public projects, including the erection of a building or  
32 buildings in Clarke County, Georgia, for the cultural growth, public welfare, education,  
33 and recreation of the people of Clarke County and of this state including:

34 (A) The acquisition and construction of a building or buildings and related facilities,  
35 which shall be and are declared to be public buildings and structures, to be used for  
36 amusement, recreation, civil, cultural, commercial, hotel, parking, and educational  
37 purposes or a combination thereof, including fairs, expositions, exhibits, conventions,  
38 conferences, public meetings or gathering, concerts, theaters, arenas, museums, and for  
39 such other purposes as are designed and intended to promote education, culture,  
40 tourism, and the arts; and

41 (B) The purchase and lease of property, including land and improvements, the lease of  
42 land as lessor or lessee, the management of property, including land and improvements

43 and the grant or receipt of easements, rights in land, and franchises which may be  
44 entered with any private sector person or entity and may provide for ownership of  
45 improvements located on public property by a private sector person or entity, the cost  
46 of any such project to be paid in whole or in part from the proceeds of the sale of  
47 revenue bonds of the authority, as provided for in this Act, and provided that any funds  
48 realized by said authority in connection with the aforementioned projects shall be  
49 expended for the authority's purpose as stated in Section 1 of this Act."

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**SECTION 3.**

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