Senate Bill 130

By: Senators Tillery of the 19th, Stone of the 23rd, Kennedy of the 18th, Mullis of the 53rd, Black of the 8th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 15-11-103 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to 2 the right to an attorney, so as to clarify provisions relating to the waiver of the right to 3 counsel; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 **SECTION 1.** 6 Code Section 15-11-103 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the right to 7 an attorney, is amended by revising subsection (g) as follows: 8 "(g) A party other than a child shall be informed of his or her right to an attorney prior to 9 any hearing. A party other than a child shall be given an opportunity to: 10 (1) Obtain and employ an attorney of such party's own choice; 11 (2) Obtain a court appointed attorney if the court determines that such party is an 12 indigent person; or 13 (3) Waive the right to an attorney, provided that such waiver is made knowingly, 14 voluntarily, and on the record."

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SECTION 2.

16 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.