

Senate Bill 16

By: Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Butler of the 55th, Davenport of the 44th, Seay of the 34th, Jones II of the 22nd and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 5 of Chapter 12 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to the Georgia Commission on Women, so as to create the Georgia Commission on  
3 Black Women and Girls; to provide for its membership; to provide for powers and duties;  
4 to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 5 of Chapter 12 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
8 Georgia Commission on Women, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as  
9 follows:

10 "50-12-80.1.

11 (a) There is created the Georgia Commission on Black Women and Girls. The  
12 commission shall be composed of 14 members to be appointed as follows:

13 (1) Two members shall be appointed by the Governor with approval from the majority  
14 of the commission;

15 (2) Two members shall be appointed by the President of the Senate;

16 (3) Two members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(4) Four members shall be appointed by the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus; and  
(5) Four members shall be appointed by the Georgia Association of Black Women  
Attorneys.

(b) The members of the commission shall be women and men of recognized ability and achievement. All vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term by the original appointing official. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, members shall serve for terms of four years and shall be eligible for successive appointments by an appointing official. Any member with four consecutive unexcused absences from regular monthly meetings may be removed from the commission by the appointing official. Each person appointed to the commission shall be a full-time resident of Georgia. Any member who ceases to be a full-time resident of this state during the term of his or her membership shall be removed from the commission and such vacancy shall be filled by the Governor.

(c) To effect staggered terms of office for members of the commission and effective with members appointed for terms beginning in 2021, the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint: two members for two-year terms of office; two members for three-year terms of office; and one member for a one-year term of office. Thereafter, all members shall be appointed to serve four-year terms of office.

(d) The commission shall be assigned to the Department of Public Health for administrative purposes only, as prescribed in Code Section 50-4-3."

## SECTION 2.

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