Senate Bill 57

By: Senators Jordan of the 6th, Orrock of the 36th, Parent of the 42nd, Jones II of the 22nd, Jackson of the 41st and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fiscal bills generally, so as to provide for economic analyses to be conducted by the state auditor for certain tax benefits upon request by the chairpersons of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committee; to provide for limits; to provide for summaries to be attached to related fiscal notes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fiscal bills generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"28-5-41.1.

(a) An economic analysis shall include, but not be limited to, a good faith estimate as a result of the law or proposed law, on an annual basis for five years thereafter, of the following, on both a direct and indirect basis:

(1) Net change in state revenue;

(2) Net change in state expenditures, which shall include, but not be limited to, costs of administering the bill;

(3) Net change in economic activity; and

(4) If applicable, any net change in public benefit.

(b) On or before May 1 of each year, the chairperson of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the chairperson of the Senate Finance Committee may each request up to three economic analyses that shall be completed by the state auditor on or before December 1 of the year in which such analysis was requested. Each such request shall be limited to one existing provision of law or proposed law and shall specify one particular exemption, exclusion, or deduction from the base of a tax; credit against a tax; deferral of a tax; a rebate of taxes paid; tax abatement; or preferential tax rate to be analyzed.

(c) If a fiscal note is requested pursuant to Code Section 28-5-42 and a relevant economic analysis has been conducted within one year of such request, the state auditor shall prepare a summary of such economic analysis and attach it with the requested fiscal note."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.