

Senate Bill 66

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd and Jones II of the 22nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to handicapped
2 persons, so as to create the Governor's Task Force on Blind and Visually Impaired Persons;
3 to provide for membership; to provide for duties; to provide for related matters; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Title 30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to handicapped persons, is
8 amended by adding a new chapter to read as follows:

9 style="text-align:center">"CHAPTER 11

10 30-11-1.

11 There is created the Governor's Task Force on Blind and Visually Impaired Persons. The
12 task force shall be attached to the Department of Human Services for administrative
13 purposes only as provided for in Code Section 50-4-3.

14 30-11-2.

15 The Governor's Task Force on Blind and Visually Impaired Persons shall consist of seven
16 members appointed by the Governor as follows: one member shall be a member of the
17 House of Representatives, one member shall be a member of the Senate, and five members
18 shall be citizens of this state who are deemed by the Governor to possess certain knowledge
19 and experience for contribution to the task force. Agencies of this state may be invited by
20 the Governor to participate in the task force as nonmembers based on needs identified over
21 time. Members of the task force shall serve without compensation. The Governor shall
22 designate a member of the task force to serve as chairperson of the task force. The task
23 force shall elect such other officers from its membership as it deems necessary. The task

24 force shall meet at the call of the chairperson and adopt rules and procedures for its
25 operation.

26 30-11-3.

27 The Governor's Task Force on Blind and Visually Impaired Persons shall meet at least
28 quarterly and shall investigate how state services and initiatives can be developed or
29 improved for blind and visually impaired persons, including but not limited to services and
30 initiatives impacting mobility and access; elementary, secondary, and postsecondary
31 education; vocational and work force development; veterans; and community awareness.
32 The task force shall issue recommendations to state agencies regarding improving the
33 delivery of services to blind and visually impaired persons. On or before November 1 of
34 each year, the task force shall transmit specific suggestions for legislation to the Governor."

35 **SECTION 2.**

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