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Senate Bill 468

By: Senators Anderson of the 24th, Stone of the 23rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Shafer of the 48th, Mullis of the 53rd and others

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

- 1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
- 2 relating to general provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other
- 3 governmental entities, so as to provide for certain disclosures from consultants and other
- 4 contractors who enter into contracts or arrangements with counties, municipal corporations,
- 5 and other governmental entities to prepare or develop specifications or requirements for bids,
- requests for proposals, procurement orders, or purchasing orders; to provide for 6
- 7 consequences for failure to disclose; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;
- 8 and for other purposes.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.** 

- 11 Article 1 of Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
- 12 general provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental
- 13 entities, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:
- 14 "<u>36-80-26.</u>

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- 15 (a) Consultants and other contractors who enter into contracts or arrangements with
- counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities to prepare or develop 16
- specifications or requirements for bids, requests for proposals, procurement orders, or 17
- 18 purchasing orders for such county, municipal corporation, or other governmental entity
- 19 shall, at the time of entering into such contract, disclose in writing to the county, municipal
- 20 corporation, or other governmental entity all payments and compensation received by the
- 21 consultant or contractor in the immediately preceding five-year period from or on behalf
- of any company, firm, individual, or other business entity who would be a potential vendor 23 or bidder with regard to the bid, request for proposal, procurement order, or purchasing
- order which the consultant or contractor is being engaged to prepare or develop. Such 24
- 25 disclosure shall be a matter of public record and subject to inspection by the public in
- 26 accordance with Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50.

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- (b) The failure by the consultant or contractor to disclose all payments and compensation
  received from or on behalf of a potential vendor or bidder in accordance with subsection (a)
  of this Code section shall result in the disqualification of such vendor or bidder from such
  bid, request for proposal, procurement order, or purchasing order."
- 31 SECTION 2.

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