

House Bill 750

By: Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Stephens of the 164th, Hitchens of the 161st, and Mallow of the 163rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To create the Chatham County Legislative Gang Prevention and Intervention Commission;
2 to provide for membership; to provide for powers, duties, and objectives; to provide for
3 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 **SECTION 1.**

6 There is hereby created the Chatham County Legislative Gang Prevention and Intervention
7 Commission. The commission shall submit an annual report recommending strategic,
8 coordinated, and collaborative efforts between educational institutions and community and
9 social services organizations for the implementation and maintenance of programs and
10 initiatives designed to prevent and intervene in criminal gang participation by youth in
11 Chatham County. Such report shall be submitted to the Chatham County legislative
12 delegation, which shall be composed of all senators and representatives in the General
13 Assembly whose districts are wholly or partially in Chatham County, and the governing
14 authority of Chatham County and each municipality located within such county no later than
15 January 1 of each calendar year.

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SECTION 2.

(a) The Chatham County Legislative Gang Prevention and Intervention Commission shall consist of the following members:

(1) One citizen of unincorporated Chatham County appointed by the Chatham County legislative delegation;

(2) One citizen of each municipality in Chatham County appointed by the Chatham County legislative delegation;

(3) The sheriff of Chatham County, or his or her designee; and

(4) The police chief of any county or municipal police department operating in Chatham County, or the designee of such police chief.

(b) Members shall each be appointed for a term of two years and no member may serve more than two consecutive terms. All vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term by an appointee of the original appointing official.

(c) The commission shall hold regular meetings at such times and such places as it may deem necessary or convenient, to accomplish the objectives and purposes of this chapter. Special meetings may be called by the chairperson or a majority of the members of the commission.

(d) A quorum for transacting business shall be determined by the members of the commission.

(e) Members shall serve without compensation; provided, however, that any legislative member shall receive the allowances authorized by law for legislative members of interim legislative committees and any members who are state employees shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the same manner as they are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state employees.

SECTION 3.

The Chatham County Legislative Gang Prevention and Intervention Commission shall have the following objectives:

(1) To submit an annual report recommending a plan for strategic, coordinated, and collaborative efforts between educational institutions and community and social services organizations for the purpose of preventing and intervening in criminal gang participation by youth in Chatham County; and

(2) To provide informational resources, strategic guidance, research, and best practices to social services and community organizations in the implementation of programs and initiatives designed to prevent and intervene in criminal gang participation by youth in Chatham County.

SECTION 4.

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