House Bill 1028 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Werkheiser of the 157th, Nimmer of the 178th, Burns of the 159th, Abrams of the 89th, Caldwell of the 20th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, 2 relating to general provisions relative to solid waste management, so as to require the owner 3 or operator of a municipal solid waste landfill to provide notice to the relevant local 4 governing authority upon the occurrence of certain solid waste releases; to provide for related 5 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA: 6 7 **SECTION 1.** Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to 8 9 general provisions relative to solid waste management, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

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- 11 ″<u>12-8-24.3.</u>
- The owner or operator of a municipal solid waste landfill shall notify the local governing 12
- 13 authorities of any city and county in which such landfill is located of any release from the
- 14 site of such landfill of a contaminant which is likely to pose a danger to human health. In
- 15 addition, such owner or operator shall cause notice of such release to be published in the
- 16 legal organ of the county in which such landfill is located. Compliance with the
- requirements of this Code section shall occur within 14 days of confirmation of such 17

18 release by the division."

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SECTION 2.

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.