House Bill 1519

By: Representative Lim of the 98th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to

2 general provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental

3 entities, so as to prohibit local governments from entering into nondisclosure agreements; to

4 provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for

5 other purposes.

6   BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7   **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general

9 provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities,

10 is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

11 "36-80-32.

12 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

13   (1) 'Economic development' means any economic activity intended to increase tax

14   revenue, expand the tax base, increase employment, or otherwise improve the general

15   economic health of a community.

16   (2) 'Governmental entity' means a county, municipal corporation, consolidated

17   government, authority, board of education, or other public board, body, or commission

18   established under this title.

19   (b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no agreement or contract entered

20   into by any governmental entity or instrumentality thereof for the intended purpose of

21   economic development, including, but not limited to, agreements or contracts involving tax

22   incentives, payments in lieu of taxes, tax abatements, bonds, notes, loans, grants, or rebates,

23   shall contain any provision, clause, or language that provides that the agreement or contract

24   or any of its terms are confidential or that the parties to such agreement or contract are

25   prohibited from disclosing, discussing, describing, or commenting upon the terms of such

26   agreement or contract."

27   **SECTION 2.**

28   All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.