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Honorable Dar'Shun Kendrick State Representative 404-F Coverdell Legislative Office Bldg. Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note

House Bill (LC 50 0121)

Dear Representative Kendrick:

The bill would require the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) to publish on its website a Georgia Wealth Report by July 1, 2022 and each July through 2027. The report must include several data points related to population, age, education, income, assets, and debts. The data must be disaggregated by race and ethnicity.

OPB could utilize existing resources within the Georgia Data Analytics Center to compile the data and produce the report.

The data points requested are currently collected and disseminated by federal entities, primarily through the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey. Georgia currently does not have the capacity to collect such data independently. If the federal entities were to stop producing the data, OPB would likely have to contract with other external entities to collect the necessary data. OPB estimated that the cost to collect data via contract would be \$500,000.

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Sincerely,

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