Senate Bill 345
By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Hatchett of the 50th, Anderson of the 24th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Dixon of the 45th and others

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding state government, so as to prohibit state and local governments from mandating COVID-19 vaccine passports; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.
Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding state government, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"50-1-11. (a) As used in this Code section, the term:
    (1) 'Agency' means:
        (A) Every state department, agency, board, bureau, office, commission, public corporation, and authority;
(B) Every county, municipal corporation, school district, or other political subdivision of this state;

(C) Every department, agency, board, bureau, office, commission, authority, or similar body of each such county, municipal corporation, or other political subdivision of this state; and

(D) Every city, county, regional, or other authority established pursuant to the laws of this state.

(2) 'COVID-19' means severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), and any mutation or viral fragments thereof, or any disease or condition caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), which was the subject of the public health state of emergency declared by the Governor on March 14, 2020.

(b)(1) No agency shall require proof of COVID-19 vaccination of any person as a condition of providing any service or access to any facility, issuing any license, permit, or other type of authorization, or performing any duty of such agency.

(2) No agency, through any rule, regulation, ordinance, resolution, or other action shall require that any person or private entity require proof of COVID-19 vaccination of any person as a condition of providing any service or access to any facility, or as a condition of such person or private entity's performance of any regular activity by such person or private entity.

(c) This Code section shall not apply if compliance with this Code section would require an agency to violate one or more regulations of the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services or any federal contractual terms applying to workplace locations in which one or more individuals are working on or in connection with a federal government contract.

(d) This Code section shall stand repealed by operation of law on June 30, 2023."
SECTION 2.

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