

The House Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security offers the following substitute to SB 368:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 6A of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, so as to add to the functions and authority of the
3 council; to enable the council to provide technical support and assistance to certain local law
4 enforcement agencies in the attainment of certain grants; to provide for related matters; to
5 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 6A of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Criminal
9 Justice Coordinating Council, is amended by revising Code Section 35-6A-7, relating to
10 functions and authority of council, as follows:

11 "35-6A-7.

12 The council is vested with the following functions and authority:

- 13 (1) To cooperate with and secure cooperation of every department, agency, or
14 instrumentality in the state government or its political subdivisions in the furtherance of
15 the purposes of this chapter;
- 16 (2) To prepare, publish in print or electronically, and disseminate fundamental criminal
17 justice information of a descriptive and analytical nature to all components of the
18 criminal justice system of this state, including law enforcement agencies, the courts,
19 juvenile justice agencies, and correctional agencies;
- 20 (3) To serve as the state-wide clearing-house for criminal justice information and
21 research;
- 22 (4) To maintain a research program in order to identify and define significant criminal
23 justice problems and issues and effective solutions and to publish in print or
24 electronically special reports as needed;

- 25 (5) In coordination and cooperation with all components of the criminal justice system
 26 of this state, to develop criminal justice legislative proposals and executive policy
 27 proposals reflective of the priorities of the entire criminal justice system of this state;
 28 (6) To serve in an advisory capacity to the Governor on issues impacting the criminal
 29 justice system of this state;
 30 (7) To coordinate high visibility criminal justice research projects and studies which
 31 cross traditional system component lines with a state-wide impact;
 32 (8) To convene periodically state-wide criminal justice conferences involving key
 33 executives in the criminal justice system of this state and elected officials for the purpose
 34 of developing, prioritizing, and publicizing a policy agenda for the criminal justice
 35 system of this state;
 36 (9) To provide for the interaction, communication, and coordination of all components
 37 of the criminal justice system of this state for the purpose of improving this state's
 38 response to crime and its effects;
 39 (10) To administer gifts, grants, and donations for the purpose of carrying out this
 40 chapter;
 41 (11) To promulgate rules governing the approval of victim assistance programs as
 42 provided for in Article 8 of Chapter 21 of Title 15;
 43 (12) To supervise the preparation, administration, and implementation of the three-year
 44 juvenile justice plan as provided by this chapter; ~~and~~
 45 To provide technical support and assistance for grant writing, subject to
 46 appropriations, to any local law enforcement agency to enhance the effectiveness of such
 47 agency when the council finds that such local law enforcement agency would otherwise
 48 lack access to adequate technical support and assistance. Grant-writing assistance and
 49 support shall include, but shall not be limited to, grants for equipment, training, or other
 50 official local agency needs; and
 51 (14) To do any and all things necessary and proper to enable it to perform wholly and
 52 adequately its duties and to exercise the authority granted to it."

53 SECTION 2.

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