

The Senate Committee on Public Safety offered the following substitute to SB 245:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to dangerous instrumentalities and practices, so as to prohibit public officers from  
3 ordering the enforcement of certain federal acts regarding the right to keep and bear arms;  
4 to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for civil and criminal  
5 penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
9 dangerous instrumentalities and practices, is amended by adding a new part to read as  
10 follows:

11 "Part 6

12 16-11-180.

13 (a) As used in this part, the term:

14 (1) 'Agency or political subdivision' means any department, agency, authority,  
15 commission, or government entity of this state or of any county, municipality, or other  
16 subdivision of this state.

17 (2) 'Public official' means an elected or appointed official or an employee or an agent of  
18 an agency or political subdivision.

19 (b) Except when required to do so by court order or otherwise by law, no federal executive  
20 order, agency order, law, statute, rule, or regulation issued, enacted, or promulgated on or  
21 after July 1, 2022, shall be knowingly or willfully ordered to be enforced by any public  
22 official if contrary to Article I, Section I, Paragraph VIII of the Constitution of this state.

23 (c) Any public official who knowingly and willfully orders another public official to  
24 enforce any federal executive order, agency order, law, statute, rule, or regulation as  
25 prohibited in subsection (b) of this Code section shall, upon a first violation, be liable for  
26 a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000.00, which shall be paid into the treasury of this state  
27 and shall, upon a second or subsequent violation, be guilty of a misdemeanor.

28 (d) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to affect the law of search and seizure  
29 or the performance of any act solely for the purpose of facilitating the transfer of firearms  
30 under federal law."

31 **SECTION 2.**

32 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.