

The Senate Committee on Public Safety offered the following substitute to HB 1188:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to law enforcement
2 officers and agencies, so as to provide for establishment of a Georgia Public Safety Training
3 Center law enforcement unit; to provide for jurisdiction, powers, and duties for peace officers
4 appointed to such unit; to authorize the issuance of motor vehicles, uniforms, and weaponry
5 to such peace officers; to extend the time frame for which reimbursement of total training
6 expenses by a subsequent employer of a peace officer may be sought; to remove partial
7 reimbursement of such training expenses; to limit total training expenses to certain costs; to
8 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to law enforcement officers and
12 agencies, is amended by revising Code Section 35-5-7, relating to security police force for
13 the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, as follows:

14 "35-5-7.

15 (a) The administrator of the center, with the approval of the board, is authorized to
16 establish a ~~security police force~~ law enforcement unit within the Georgia Public Safety

17 Training Center and appoint employees to serve as peace officers who shall be responsible
18 for preserving public order, protecting life and property, and preventing crime. Such
19 employees shall have been certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training
20 Council as having successfully completed the course of training required by Chapter 8 of
21 this title, the 'Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Act.'

22 (b) ~~While in the performance of their duties on property of the Georgia Public Safety~~
23 ~~Training Center, such security police, such peace officers~~ shall have the same law
24 enforcement powers, including the power of arrest, as a any other law enforcement officer
25 ~~of the local government with police jurisdiction over such certified pursuant to Chapter 8~~
26 of this title, the 'Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Act.' The Georgia Public
27 Safety Training Center law enforcement unit shall enforce laws on all properties controlled
28 by the Georgia Public Safety Training Center and enforce state laws and protect life and
29 property when ordered by the Governor or requested by a sheriff of a county or police chief
30 of a county or municipality in this state. Such officers shall be authorized to possess and
31 carry such firearms and other weapons while on duty as may be prescribed by the
32 administrator of the center.

33 (c) From funds appropriated or available to the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, the
34 administrator of the center shall be authorized to provide motor vehicles, uniforms,
35 firearms, and any other equipment and supplies to employees of the Georgia Public Safety
36 Training Center law enforcement unit necessary to carry out the provisions of this Code
37 section.

38 (d) This Code section shall not repeal, supersede, alter, or affect the power of any other
39 law enforcement officer of this state or of any county, municipality, or other political
40 subdivision of this state."

41 **SECTION 2.**

42 Such title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 35-8-22, relating to
43 reimbursement of training expenses by subsequent employer of peace officer, collection
44 procedure, and required documentation, as follows:

45 "(a)(1) Unless otherwise provided by an employment contract to the contrary and subject
46 to paragraph (2) of this subsection, if the State of Georgia or any county or municipality
47 thereof employs a peace officer and said peace officer is hired by another agency within
48 15 36 months after completing mandated or formalized training requirements, then the
49 total expense of training, including salary paid during training, shall be reimbursed by the
50 hiring agency to the State of Georgia or any county or municipality thereof which initially
51 paid for such training. If said officer is hired by another agency during a period of 15 to
52 24 months after mandated or formalized training requirements are completed, then
53 one-half of the total expense of training, including salary paid during training, shall be
54 reimbursed by the hiring agency to the State of Georgia or any county or municipality
55 thereof which initially paid for such training. The council shall set standards for
56 reimbursement by hiring agencies based upon actual expenses incurred in mandated or
57 formalized training by individual departments.

58 (2) The total expense of training to be reimbursed pursuant to this subsection shall be
59 limited to:

60 (A) The actual cost of any equipment and materials required by the council approved
61 school that the peace officer initially attended;

62 (B) The salary paid during the time the peace officer attended the basic training course
63 as provided for in Code Section 35-8-9, as well as any housing, meal, and transportation
64 costs incurred during such attendance; and

65 (C) Up to 60 days of salary paid during the time the peace officer participated in
66 training."

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SECTION 3.

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