

House Bill 378

By: Representatives Shannon of the 84th, Jackson of the 64th, Boddie of the 62nd, Scott of the 76th, and Cannon of the 58th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 general provisions regarding law enforcement officers and agencies, so as to provide that law
3 enforcement agencies shall require its officers to report in writing every use of force against
4 any subject; to require that a publicly available data base be maintained of such reports; to
5 provide that discipline records for the use of force shall be maintained within such data base;
6 to provide for maintenance of such data base; to provide for a short title; to provide for
7 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Use of Force Data Collection Act."

11 **SECTION 2.**

12 Chapter 1 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
13 provisions regarding law enforcement officers and agencies, is amended by adding a new
14 Code section to read as follows:

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15 "35-1-23.
16 On and after July 1, 2021, each state, county, and local law enforcement agency, including,
17 but not limited to, agencies wholly employing campus policemen as provided for in
18 Chapter 8 of Title 20, shall require law enforcement officers under its employment to report
19 in writing every use of force against any individual. State, county, and local law
20 enforcement agencies shall enter and maintain such information in a centralized data base
21 that is accessible to the public. Such data base shall identify law enforcement officers
22 under the employment of any state, county, or local law enforcement agency who have
23 been disciplined as a result of the use of force. Such data base shall be updated on the fifth
24 day of each month to reflect such use of force and discipline reports from the preceding
25 month that have not been entered in such data base."

26 **SECTION 3.**

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.