

Senate Bill 358

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 35-5-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 Georgia Public Safety Training Center available for use by certain personnel, fees,
3 enrollment, authorization for expenditure of funds, and powers and duties, so as to provide
4 for the reimbursement of certain costs incurred by active duty, retired, or honorably
5 discharged members of the United States armed forces who are attending basic law
6 enforcement training; to provide for limitations on such reimbursements; 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 Code Section 35-5-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia
11 Public Safety Training Center available for use by certain personnel, fees, enrollment,
12 authorization for expenditure of funds, and powers and duties, is amended in subsection (d)
13 by revising paragraphs (3) through (6) as follows:

14 "(3) To reimburse or provide for certain costs incurred in training active duty, retired, or
15 honorably discharged members of the United States armed forces who are attending basic
16 law enforcement training, as outlined in subsection (a) of Code Section 35-8-9, to the

17 extent that funds are appropriated for such purpose by the General Assembly. In the
18 event sufficient funds are not appropriated for a fiscal year to fund the full cost provided
19 for in this paragraph, then the amount which would otherwise be payable shall be reduced
20 pro rata on the basis of the funds actually appropriated. As used in this paragraph, the
21 terms 'cost' and 'costs' shall not include travel or salaries of service members undergoing
22 training and shall be limited exclusively to the cost of tuition, meals, and lodging which
23 are incurred in connection with such training if such cost or costs are not covered by any
24 other resource available to such service member. Each active duty, retired, or honorably
25 discharged service member undergoing this training shall have complied with the
26 requirements set forth in Code Section 35-8-8.

27 ~~(3)~~(4) To expend funds appropriated or otherwise available to the center for paying the
28 costs of training provided under subsection (a) of Code Section 35-8-20, other than travel
29 expenses and salaries of police chiefs or department heads of law enforcement units and
30 wardens of state institutions undergoing training, and shall expend such funds for
31 purposes of compensating a training officer to administer the course of training and
32 conduct any business associated with the training provisions of said Code Section
33 35-8-20;

34 ~~(4)~~(5) To expend funds appropriated or otherwise available to the center for paying the
35 costs of training provided for under subsection (a) of Code Section 35-8-20.1, other than
36 travel expenses and salaries of police chiefs or department heads of law enforcement
37 units undergoing training, and shall expend such funds for purposes of compensating a
38 training officer to administer the course of training and conduct any business associated
39 with the training provisions of said Code Section 35-8-20.1;

40 ~~(5)~~(6) To expend funds appropriated or otherwise available to the center for paying the
41 costs of training provided for under Chapter 11 of Title 31 for the initial certification
42 training and continued training as needed by emergency medical personnel and shall
43 expend such funds for purposes of compensating a training officer to administer the

44 course of training and conduct any business associated with the training provisions of
45 said chapter; and
46 ~~(6)~~(7) To administer and coordinate the training for communications officers with
47 respect to the requirements of Code Section 35-8-23. The board shall be authorized to
48 promulgate rules and regulations to facilitate the administration and coordination of
49 training consistent with the provisions of said Code Section 35-8-23. The tuition costs
50 of the training of communications officers shall be paid from funds appropriated to the
51 center."

52 **SECTION 2.**

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