

Senate Bill 358

By: Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Thompson of the 14th, Harbison of the 15th, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others

**AS PASSED**

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 (2) through (6) and adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

14 "(2) To reimburse or provide for certain costs incurred in training peace officers,  
15 emergency medical personnel, and law enforcement support personnel employed or  
16 appointed by each agency, organ, or department of this state, counties, and municipalities

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17 to the extent that funds are appropriated for such purpose by the General Assembly. In  
18 the event sufficient funds are not appropriated for a fiscal year to fund the full cost  
19 provided for in this paragraph, then the amount which would otherwise be payable shall  
20 be reduced pro rata on the basis of the funds actually appropriated. As used in this  
21 paragraph, the terms 'cost' and 'costs' shall not include travel or salaries of personnel  
22 undergoing training and shall be limited exclusively to the cost of tuition, ~~meals, and~~  
23 ~~lodging~~ which ~~are~~ is incurred in connection with such training;

24 (3) To reimburse or provide for certain costs incurred in training active duty, retired, or  
25 honorably discharged members of the United States armed forces who are attending basic  
26 law enforcement training, as outlined in subsection (a) of Code Section 35-8-9, to the  
27 extent that funds are appropriated for such purpose by the General Assembly. In the  
28 event sufficient funds are not appropriated for a fiscal year to fund the full cost provided  
29 for in this paragraph, then the amount which would otherwise be payable shall be reduced  
30 pro rata on the basis of the funds actually appropriated. As used in this paragraph, the  
31 terms 'cost' and 'costs' shall not include travel or salaries of service members undergoing  
32 training and shall be limited exclusively to the cost of tuition which is incurred in  
33 connection with such training if such cost or costs are not covered by any other resource  
34 available to such service member. Each active duty, retired, or honorably discharged  
35 service member undergoing this training shall have complied with the requirements set  
36 forth in Code Section 35-8-8.

37 (4) To expend funds appropriated or otherwise available to the center for paying the  
38 costs of training provided under subsection (a) of Code Section 35-8-20, other than travel  
39 expenses and salaries of police chiefs or department heads of law enforcement units and  
40 wardens of state institutions undergoing training, and shall expend such funds for  
41 purposes of compensating a training officer to administer the course of training and  
42 conduct any business associated with the training provisions of said Code Section  
43 35-8-20;

44 ~~(4)~~(5) To expend funds appropriated or otherwise available to the center for paying the  
45 costs of training provided for under subsection (a) of Code Section 35-8-20.1, other than  
46 travel expenses and salaries of police chiefs or department heads of law enforcement  
47 units undergoing training, and shall expend such funds for purposes of compensating a  
48 training officer to administer the course of training and conduct any business associated  
49 with the training provisions of said Code Section 35-8-20.1;

50 ~~(5)~~(6) To expend funds appropriated or otherwise available to the center for paying the  
51 costs of training provided for under Chapter 11 of Title 31 for the initial certification  
52 training and continued training as needed by emergency medical personnel and shall  
53 expend such funds for purposes of compensating a training officer to administer the  
54 course of training and conduct any business associated with the training provisions of  
55 said chapter; and

56 ~~(6)~~(7) To administer and coordinate the training for communications officers with  
57 respect to the requirements of Code Section 35-8-23. The board shall be authorized to  
58 promulgate rules and regulations to facilitate the administration and coordination of  
59 training consistent with the provisions of said Code Section 35-8-23. The tuition costs  
60 of the training of communications officers shall be paid from funds appropriated to the  
61 center."

62 **SECTION 2.**

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