

The House Committee on Motor Vehicles offers the following substitute to SB 556:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions concerning the Department of Public Safety, so as to provide
3 for an instructional course or presentation educating drivers and the public on the best
4 practices to implement when interacting with law enforcement officers; to provide for duties
5 by the Department of Public Safety; to provide for instructional content; to provide for
6 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
10 general provisions concerning the Department of Public Safety, is amended by revising Code
11 Section 35-2-11, relating to commissioner authorized to provide and equip lecturers for
12 lectures and demonstrations in public schools, as follows:

13 "35-2-11.

14 (a) The commissioner is authorized to furnish one or more lecturers to conduct lectures
15 and demonstrations relating to public safety in the public schools in cooperation with

16 school authorities. The commissioner may furnish such lecturers with appropriate
17 literature and equipment.

18 (b) The department shall offer an instructional course or presentation to educate drivers
19 and the public on the best practices to implement when interacting with law enforcement
20 officers. Such instructional course or presentation shall be designed by the department,
21 shall be hosted in locations provided for by the department, and shall include, but not be
22 limited to, electronic and video formats. Such instructional course shall be authorized for
23 use as part of other driver education programs provided for by law and by educational
24 institutions. Such course shall be designed to include the following information:

25 (1) The best practices of what a driver should do during a traffic stop initiated by a law
26 enforcement officer;

27 (2) Recommendations for interacting with law enforcement officers during traffic stops;

28 (3) The consequences associated with continuous citations and habitual violations; and

29 (4) Understanding how the conduct of a driver or any passenger, officer discretion, and
30 legal precedents can provide the grounds for a law enforcement officer's actions, which
31 may include, but not be limited to, requesting identification, use of force, detainment,
32 pursuits, and legal warnings."

33 **SECTION 2.**

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