

House Bill 1405

By: Representatives Birdsong of the 123rd, Murphy of the 18th, Walker of the 141st, Skipper of the 137th, Buck of the 135th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 38-2-279 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 rights of public officers and employees absent on military duty as members of organized
3 militia or reserve forces, so as to authorize a salary differential for citizen soldiers who are
4 public officers or employees; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and
5 for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 38-2-279 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to rights of public
9 officers and employees absent on military duty as members of organized militia or reserve
10 forces, is amended by inserting a new subsection (e.1) to read as follows:

11 "(e.1)(1) On and after July 1, 2002, every public officer or employee may be paid by the
12 government employer the difference between his or her government salary and his or her
13 military salary for any or all periods of absence while engaged in the performance of
14 ordered military duty and while going to and returning from such duty, after expiration
15 of the payment period provided for in subsection (e) of this Code section.

16 (2) To the extent that funds are appropriated or otherwise made available to the
17 Department of Community Affairs for such purpose, the department may provide grants
18 to counties, municipal corporations, and other political subdivisions to reimburse them
19 for their costs incurred under paragraph (1) of this subsection. The department shall
20 provide by rule for the administration of such grant program; and such rules shall provide
21 for pro rata distribution in the event that the funds available are insufficient to reimburse
22 all such costs."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.