

House Bill 1710

By: Representative Twiggs of the 8<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 35-8-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 definitions applicable to Chapter 8 of Title 35, the "Georgia Peace Officer Standards and  
3 Training Act," so as to change the definition of the term "peace officer"; to include within  
4 the definition of the term "peace officer" certain personnel of county jails; to provide an  
5 effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 35-8-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions  
9 applicable to Chapter 8 of Title 35, the "Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Act,"  
10 is amended by striking in its entirety subparagraph (C) of paragraph (8) and inserting in lieu  
11 thereof a new subparagraph (C) to read as follows:

12 "(C) Personnel who are authorized to exercise the power of arrest and who are  
13 employed or appointed by the Department of Corrections, the State Board of Pardons  
14 and Paroles, municipal correctional institutions employing 300 or more correctional  
15 officers, county probation systems, and county correctional institutions, and county jails  
16 relating only to the transport and confinement in, from, and to county jails, provided  
17 that such restrictions on the authority of such county jail personnel shall not apply if  
18 such officers are law enforcement certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and  
19 Training Council. Jail officers functioning as peace officers as provided in this  
20 subparagraph must successfully complete a firearms training course approved by the  
21 Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council; and"

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming  
24 law without such approval.

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**SECTION 3.**

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.