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 substitute to HB 202:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 27-1-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
 2 powers and duties of the Department of Natural Resources generally, so as to provide for
 3 certain incentive pay for certain law enforcement officers; to amend Code Section 35-2-42
 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to compensation of certain members of
 5 the Department of Public Safety and certain members of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation,
 6 so as to change the persons eligible for and the amount of certain incentive pay; to provide
 7 an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Code Section 27-1-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the powers and
 11 duties of the Department of Natural Resources generally, is amended by inserting
 12 immediately following paragraph (8) a new paragraph to read as follows:

13 "(8.1) To grant incentive pay to sworn law enforcement officers certified pursuant to
 14 Chapter 8 of Title 35 employed by the department who have obtained degrees or
 15 certificates from an accredited member of the Federation of Regional Accrediting
 16 Commissions of Higher Education or who have obtained a degree or certificate of
 17 completion from some other educational institution with respect to a course of instruction
 18 related to law enforcement, so long as both the course of instruction and the institution
 19 are specifically approved by the board. Any such incentive pay shall be paid according
 20 to the following schedule:

- 21 (A) Completion of at least one year of degree-creditable college study consisting of the
 22 equivalent of 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours of education: \$1,000.00 per year;
 23 (B) Obtaining of associate or two-year degree or certificate of completion of 60
 24 semester hours or 90 quarter hours of education: \$2,000.00 per year; or
 25 (C) Obtaining of a bachelor's or four-year degree: \$5,000.00 per year.

1 In no event shall any employee eligible under this paragraph be entitled to receive more
2 than one of the payments provided for in this paragraph at any one time;"

3 **SECTION 2.**

4 Code Section 35-2-42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to compensation
5 of certain members of the Department of Public Safety and certain members of the Georgia
6 Bureau of Investigation, is amended by striking subsection (d) and inserting in its place a
7 new subsection (d) to read as follows:

8 "(d) The board shall be authorized to grant incentive pay to those sworn members of the
9 ~~Uniform Division~~ of the Department of Public Safety and those members of the ~~Georgia~~
10 ~~Bureau of Investigation~~ who have obtained degrees or certificates from an accredited
11 member of the Federation of Regional Accrediting Commissions of Higher Education or
12 who have obtained a degree or certificate of completion from some other educational
13 institution with respect to a course of instruction related to law enforcement, so long as
14 both the course of instruction and the institution are specifically approved by the board.
15 Any such incentive pay shall be paid according to the following schedule:

16 (1) Completion of at least one year of degree-creditable college study consisting of the
17 equivalent of 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours of education: ~~\$200.00~~ \$1,000.00 per
18 year;

19 (2) Obtaining of associate or two-year degree or certificate of completion of 60 semester
20 hours or 90 quarter hours of education: ~~\$400.00~~ \$2,000.00 per year; or

21 (3) Obtaining of a bachelor's or four-year degree: ~~\$800.00~~ \$5,000.00 per year.

22 In no event shall any employee eligible under this subsection be entitled to receive more
23 than one of the payments provided for in this subsection at any one time."

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25 **SECTION 3.**

26 This Act shall become effective October 1, 2001.

27 **SECTION 4.**

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