

The House Committee on Public Safety offers the following 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.

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

