

House Bill 954

By: Representatives O`Neal of the 117th, Walker of the 115th, and Ray of the 108th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions relative to the assessment and payment of the costs of criminal
3 proceedings, so as to provide that the cost of transporting a person arrested on an outstanding
4 warrant to the jurisdiction in which such warrant was issued shall be one of the costs of a
5 criminal proceeding; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 general provisions relative to the assessment and payment of the costs of criminal
10 proceedings, is amended by striking in its entirety Code Section 17-11-1, relating to the
11 imposition of the costs of prosecution upon a defendant, generally, and inserting in lieu
12 thereof the following:

13 "17-11-1.

14 The costs of a prosecution, except the fees of his or her own witnesses, shall not be
15 demanded of a defendant until after trial and conviction. If convicted, judgment may be
16 entered against the defendant for all costs accruing in the committing and trial courts and
17 by any officer pending the prosecution. The cost of transporting a person arrested on an
18 outstanding warrant to the jurisdiction in which such warrant was issued shall be a cost of
19 prosecution. The judgment shall be a lien from the date of his or her arrest on all the
20 property of the defendant. The clerk shall issue an execution on the judgment against the
21 property."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.