

House Bill 359 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representative Ashe of the 42<sup>nd</sup>, Post 2

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 45-12-35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 rewards for the detection or apprehension of perpetrators of felonies, so as to remove certain  
3 limitations with respect to the offering of such rewards by the governing authority of a  
4 county or municipality; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 45-12-35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to rewards for  
9 the detection or apprehension of perpetrators of felonies, is amended by striking subsection  
10 (b) and inserting in its place a new subsection (b) to read as follows:

11 "(b) The Governor and any county or municipal governing authority shall, in their  
12 discretion, offer and cause to be paid rewards for the detection or apprehension of the  
13 perpetrator of any felony committed within this state, such reward not to exceed the sum  
14 of \$1,000.00 in felonies not capital, including arson, and not to exceed the sum of  
15 \$10,000.00 in capital felonies and arson; provided, however, that ~~the governing authority~~  
16 ~~of a county or municipality may offer and pay such a reward only in cases in which the~~  
17 ~~Governor has first offered a reward and, in such cases, the amount offered by any local~~  
18 governing authority shall not exceed the aggregate amount of \$25,000.00."

19 **SECTION 2.**

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

22 **SECTION 3.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.