

House Bill 51

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure,
2 so as to provide for a senior protection advisory council; to provide for related matters; to
3 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

6 Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, is
7 amended by inserting a new Chapter 19 to read as follows:

8 style="text-align:center">"CHAPTER 19

9 17-19-1.

10 (a) There is created the Senior Protection Advisory Council to oversee efforts to educate
11 elderly citizens about crimes committed against them, ways to protect themselves, and the
12 manner in which to report illegal activities. The Attorney General shall serve as the
13 chairperson of the council and the council shall be composed of nine additional members
14 to be appointed as follows: three by the Governor, three by the Speaker of the House of
15 Representatives, and three by the Senate Committee on Assignments.

16 (b) Each appointing official shall initially appoint one member to serve for a term of three
17 years, one member to serve for a term of four years, and one member to serve for a term
18 of five years. Thereafter, each member shall serve for a term of four years. Such members
19 shall serve until the appointment and qualification of their successors.

20 (c) All successors shall be appointed in the same manner as original appointments.
21 Vacancies in office shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments. An
22 appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired term. The council shall elect its
23 own officers. No vacancy on the council shall impair the right of the quorum to exercise
24 all rights and perform all duties of the council.

- 1 (d) The members of the council shall receive no compensation for their services but shall
2 be entitled to and shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses from the Department of Law
3 funds, including travel and any other expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.
4 Reimbursement for travel by a personal motor vehicle shall be made in the same manner
5 and subject to the same limitations as provided in Code Section 45-7-20.
- 6 (e) The council is assigned to the Department of Law for administrative purposes only, as
7 prescribed in Code Section 50-4-3."

8 **SECTION 2.**

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