

House Bill 953

By: Representatives Chambers of the 81st, Geisinger of the 48th, Day of the 163rd, and Bearden of the 68th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 45-9-81 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 definitions relative to the Georgia State Indemnification Fund, so as to change the definition
3 of law enforcement officer; to 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 Code Section 45-9-81 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions
7 relative to the Georgia State Indemnification Fund, is amended by striking paragraph (6) and
8 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

9 "(6) 'Law enforcement officer' means any agent or officer of this state, ~~or~~ a political
10 subdivision or municipality thereof, or an authority or instrumentality of this state or a
11 political subdivision thereof who, as a full-time or part-time employee, is vested either
12 expressly by law or by virtue of public employment or service with authority to enforce
13 the criminal or traffic laws and whose duties include the preservation of public order, the
14 protection of life and property, or the prevention, detection, or investigation of crime.
15 Such term also includes the employees designated by the commissioner of juvenile justice
16 of the Department of Juvenile Justice pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (i) of Code
17 Section 49-4A-8, which employees have the duty to investigate and apprehend delinquent
18 and unruly children who have escaped from a facility under the jurisdiction of the
19 Department of Juvenile Justice or who have broken the conditions of supervision. Such
20 term also includes members of the Georgia National Guard, the composition of which is
21 set forth in Code Section 38-2-3, who have been called into active state service by the
22 Governor."

23 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.