

House Bill 1044 (AM)

By: Representatives Cheokas of the 134th, Barnard of the 166th, Lane of the 158th, Lunsford of the 110th, Forster of the 3rd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia
 2 Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, so as to provide that part-time
 3 municipal and city court judges shall be treated as full-time judges for purposes of being
 4 exempt from certain state weapons requirements so that part-time judges shall be exempt in
 5 the same manner as full-time judges; to change certain provisions relating to carrying deadly
 6 weapons to or at public gatherings; to provide for constables to carry pistols in publicly
 7 owned or operated buildings; to exempt constables from the prohibition of carrying weapons
 8 within school safety zones, at school functions, or on school property while in the
 9 performance of their official duties; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective
 10 date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

12 **SECTION 1.**

13 Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
 14 relating to carrying and possession of firearms, is amended by striking paragraph (12) of
 15 subsection (a) of Code Section 16-11-130, relating to exemptions from Code Sections
 16 16-11-126 through 16-11-128, and inserting in its place a new paragraph (12) to read as
 17 follows:

18 "(12) State and federal trial and appellate judges, full-time and permanent part-time
 19 judges of municipal and city courts, and former state trial and appellate judges retired
 20 from their respective offices under state retirement;"

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 Said part is further amended by striking subsection (c) of Code Section 16-11-127, relating
 23 to carrying deadly weapons at public gatherings, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

24 "(c)(1) This Code section shall not apply to competitors participating in organized sport
 25 shooting events.

