

House Bill 51 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Jacobs of the 80th, Ralston of the 7th, Mumford of the 95th, Bearden of the 68th, Franklin of the 43rd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 15-16-10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 sheriffs' duties, penalties, and electronic storage, so as to change the frequency with which
3 a sheriff reviews security plans; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and
4 for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Code Section 15-16-10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sheriffs'
8 duties, penalties, and electronic storage, is amended by revising paragraph (10) of subsection
9 (a) as follows:

10 "(10) To develop and implement a comprehensive plan for the security of the county
11 courthouse and any courthouse annex. Prior to the implementation of any security plan,
12 the plan shall be submitted to the chief judge of the superior court of the circuit wherein
13 the courthouse or courthouse annex is located for review. The chief judge shall have 30
14 days to review the original or any subsequent security plan. The chief judge may make
15 modifications to the original or any subsequent security plan. The sheriff shall provide
16 to the county governing authority the estimated cost of any security plan and a schedule
17 for implementation 30 days prior to adoption of any security plan. A comprehensive plan
18 for courthouse security shall be considered a confidential matter of public security.
19 Review of a proposed security plan by the governing authority shall be excluded from the
20 requirements of Code Section 50-14-1 and any such review shall take place as provided
21 in Code Section 50-14-3. Such security plan shall also be excluded from public
22 disclosure pursuant to paragraph (15) of subsection (a) of Code Section 50-18-72. The
23 sheriff shall be the official custodian of the comprehensive courthouse security plan and
24 shall determine who has access to such plan and any such access and review shall occur
25 in the sheriff's office or at a meeting of the county governing authority held as provided
26 in paragraph (9) of Code Section 50-14-3; provided, however, that the sheriff shall make

1 the original security plan available upon request for temporary, exclusive review by any
2 judge whose courtroom or chambers is located within the courthouse or courthouse annex
3 or by any commissioner of the county in which the courthouse or courthouse annex is
4 located. The sheriff shall be responsible to conduct a formal review of the security plan
5 ~~not less than~~ at least once every four years."

6 **SECTION 2.**

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