

House Bill 571

By: Representatives Stephenson of the 92nd, Ralston of the 7th, Sinkfield of the 60th, Mosby of the 90th, Houston of the 170th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 13 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to granting of relief by superior courts, so as to revise the definition of 'family
3 violence' to include interfering with a 9-1-1 call; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
4 purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Article 1 of Chapter 13 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 granting of relief by superior courts, is amended by revising Code Section 19-13-1, relating
9 to the definition of 'family violence,' as follows:

10 "19-13-1.

11 As used in this article, the term 'family violence' means the occurrence of one or more of
12 the following acts between past or present spouses, persons who are parents of the same
13 child, parents and children, stepparents and stepchildren, foster parents and foster children,
14 or other persons living or formerly living in the same household:

15 (1) Any felony; or

16 (2) Commission of offenses of battery, simple battery, simple assault, assault, stalking,
17 criminal damage to property, unlawful restraint, ~~or~~ criminal trespass, or obstructing or
18 hindering the making of an emergency telephone call.

19 The term 'family violence' shall not be deemed to include reasonable discipline
20 administered by a parent to a child in the form of corporal punishment, restraint, or
21 detention."

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

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.