

House Bill 159

By: Representative Day of the 163rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 employment and training of peace officers, so as to require governmental entities to verify
3 that employees exercising the powers of arrest are certified; to provide for related matters;
4 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment and
8 training of peace officers, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

9 "35-8-27.

10 No agency, department, authority, commission, or other governmental entity of this state
11 or any subdivision of this state shall authorize an employee, contractor, or subcontractor
12 to exercise the power of arrest, including the issuance of a traffic citation, without ensuring
13 that such employee, contractor, or subcontractor is certified in accordance with this chapter.
14 Governmental entities shall routinely verify that all certified employees, contractors, and
15 subcontractors authorized to exercise the power of arrest maintain a current and valid
16 certification."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.