

Senate Bill 199

By: Senators Wiles of the 37th, Harp of the 29th and Cowser of the 46th

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to
 2 provide for the suspension for one year of the otherwise required annual training for
 3 magistrates and probate judges; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date;
 4 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended in Code
 8 Section 15-9-1.1, relating to training requirements for probate judges, by revising subsection
 9 (c) as follows:

10 "(c)(1) Each judge of the probate court shall be required to complete additional training
 11 prescribed by the Probate Judges Training Council and the Institute of Continuing
 12 Judicial Education of Georgia during each year he or she serves as a judge of the probate
 13 court after the initial year of training and shall file a certificate of such additional training
 14 issued by the Institute of Continuing Judicial Education of Georgia with the Probate
 15 Judges Training Council.

16 (2) For the calendar years 2009 and 2010 only, the Probate Judges Training Council may
 17 suspend, in whole or in part, the training requirements of this subsection. If the council
 18 suspends such requirements, and if any probate judge has completed all or a portion of
 19 the required training prior to suspension of the training requirements, credit for the
 20 training so completed shall be carried over and applied to calendar year 2010 or 2011."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 Said title is further amended in Code Section 15-10-137, relating to training requirements for
 23 magistrates, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

24 "(c)(1) In order to maintain the status of a certified magistrate judge, each person
 25 certified as such shall complete 20 hours of additional training per annum during each

26 calendar year after the year of his or her initial certification in which he or she serves as
27 a magistrate judge.

28 (2) For the calendar years 2009 and 2010 only, the council may suspend, in whole or in
29 part, the training requirements of this subsection. If the council suspends such
30 requirements, and if any magistrate judge has completed all or a portion of the required
31 training prior to suspension of the training requirements, credit for the training so
32 completed shall be carried over and applied to calendar year 2010 or 2011."

33 **SECTION 3.**

34 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
35 without such approval.

36 **SECTION 4.**

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