

The House Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security offers the following substitute to House Bill 124:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To enact the "Emergency Management and Homeland Security Training Act"; to provide a  
2 short title; to amend Code Section 35-5-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating  
3 to the Georgia Public Safety Training Center available for use by certain personnel, so as to  
4 authorize the center and regional police academies to make space available for certain public  
5 safety training; to amend Code Section 36-20-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
6 relating to the training of elected members of county governing authorities, so as to provide  
7 for newly elected members of a county governing authority or consolidated government to  
8 complete a public safety training course to better prepare county officials to respond in a  
9 state of public emergency; to amend Code Section 36-45-4 of the Official Code of Georgia  
10 Annotated, relating to the training of elected members of municipal governing authorities,  
11 so as to require newly elected members of a municipal governing authority to complete a  
12 public safety training course to better prepare municipal officials to respond in a state of  
13 public emergency; to provide for contingencies; to provide for related matters; to provide an  
14 effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

16 **SECTION 1.**

17 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Emergency Management and Homeland  
18 Security Training Act."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 Code Section 35-5-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia  
21 Public Safety Training Center available for use by certain personnel, is amended by adding  
22 a new subsection to read as follows:

23 "(e) Provided that space is reasonably available, the Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
24 and regional police academies shall make classroom space available free of charge for

25 providing public safety instruction to local public officials as required by Code Sections  
 26 36-20-4 and 36-45-4."

27 **SECTION 3.**

28 Code Section 36-20-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the training of  
 29 elected members of county governing authorities, is amended by adding a new subsection  
 30 to read as follows:

31 "(c) In addition to the training requirements found in subsection (a) of this Code section  
 32 and subject to the appropriation of funds by the General Assembly or federal homeland  
 33 security grants or other funds available to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency,  
 34 any person newly elected as a member of a county governing authority or consolidated  
 35 government shall enroll in, attend in class, and satisfactorily complete a public safety  
 36 course of instruction within his or her first elected term of office. Such course of  
 37 instruction shall include matters pertaining to local preparedness for a natural or manmade  
 38 disaster, pandemic, or epidemic; crisis response team development; site surveys and safety  
 39 audits; crisis management planning; safe school planning; emergency operations planning;  
 40 bomb threat management; model safety plans; and similar instruction related to responding  
 41 in a state of public emergency. The course of instruction shall also include matters relating  
 42 to chain of command and methods of communication. Such training shall be conducted  
 43 at facilities of the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, regional police academies, or  
 44 other available classroom space. The training curriculum shall be developed by the  
 45 Georgia Emergency Management Agency. The training shall be conducted by the Georgia  
 46 Emergency Management Agency at such times as will be determined by the agency. All  
 47 reasonable expenses of attending the training class required by this Code section shall be  
 48 paid through the Georgia Emergency Management Agency."

49 **SECTION 4.**

50 Code Section 36-45-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the training of  
 51 elected members of municipal governing authorities, is amended by adding a new subsection  
 52 to read as follows:

53 "(c) In addition to the training requirements found in subsection (a) of this Code section  
 54 and subject to the appropriation of funds by the General Assembly or federal homeland  
 55 security grants or other funds available to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency,  
 56 any person newly elected as a member of a municipal governing authority government  
 57 shall enroll in, attend in class, and satisfactorily complete a public safety course of  
 58 instruction within his or her first elected term of office. Such course of instruction shall  
 59 include matters pertaining to local preparedness for a natural or manmade disaster,

60 pandemic, or epidemic; crisis response team development; site surveys and safety audits;  
61 crisis management planning; safe school planning; emergency operations planning; bomb  
62 threat management; model safety plans; and similar instruction related to responding in a  
63 state of public emergency. The course of instruction shall also include matters relating to  
64 chain of command and methods of communication. Such training shall be conducted at  
65 facilities of the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, regional police academies, or other  
66 available classroom space. The training curriculum shall be developed by the Georgia  
67 Emergency Management Agency. The training shall be conducted by the Georgia  
68 Emergency Management Agency at such times as will be determined by the agency. All  
69 reasonable expenses of attending the training class required by this Code section shall be  
70 paid through the Georgia Emergency Management Agency."

71 **SECTION 5.**

72 This Act shall become effective on November 30, 2010.

73 **SECTION 6.**

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