

House Bill 203

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 employment and training of peace officers, so as to provide that the Georgia Peace Officers  
3 Standards and Training Council shall make certain notifications when undertaking to  
4 investigate or discipline peace officers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting  
5 laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the employment  
9 and training of peace officers, is amended by revising Code Section 35-8-7.1, relating to the  
10 authority of the council to refuse certificate to applicant or to discipline certified peace  
11 officer or exempt peace officer, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

12 "(e) Upon initiating an investigation of a peace officer for possible disciplinary action or  
13 upon disciplining a peace officer pursuant to this Code section, the council shall notify the  
14 head of the law enforcement agency that employs such peace officer, the district attorney  
15 of the judicial circuit in which the law enforcement agency by which such peace officer is  
16 employed is located, and the solicitor of the state court, if any, of the county in which the  
17 law enforcement agency by which such peace officer is employed is located of the  
18 investigation or disciplinary action. In the case of an investigation, it shall be sufficient to  
19 identify the peace officer and state that a disciplinary investigation has been opened. If the  
20 investigation is completed without any further action, notice of the termination of such  
21 investigation shall also be provided to the head of the employing agency, the district  
22 attorney, and state court solicitor. It shall be sufficient to identify the officer and state that  
23 the investigation has been completed with no action taken. In the case of disciplinary  
24 action, the notice shall identify the officer and state the nature of the disciplinary action  
25 taken. All such notices shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by  
26 statutory overnight delivery."

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**SECTION 2.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.