

Senate Bill 155

By: Senators Albers of the 56th, Mullis of the 53rd, Goggans of the 7th and Murphy of the 27th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 1 of Article 5 of Chapter 9 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to Georgia State Indemnification Fund, so as to provide a short title; to
3 provide that, in the case of death or organic brain damage suffered in the line of duty by a
4 law enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency medical technician, emergency management
5 specialist, or prison guard, if such person does not have an unremarried spouse or
6 dependents, the indemnification payment shall be made to the parents or siblings of such
7 person; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to
8 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 SECTION 1.

11 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Jarrett Little Act."

12 SECTION 2.

13 Part 1 of Article 5 of Chapter 9 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
14 relating to Georgia State Indemnification Fund, is amended by revising paragraph (5) of
15 subsection (a) of Code Section 45-9-85, relating to payment of indemnification for death or
16 disability, as follows:

17 "(5) In the case of death or organic brain damage suffered in the line of duty by a law
18 enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency medical technician, emergency management
19 specialist, or prison guard, payment shall be made to the surviving unremarried spouse
20 or the dependents of the spouse or deceased person as shown in his or her most recent tax
21 return, to such person's parents if such person does not have an unremarried spouse or
22 dependents, to his or her surviving siblings if such person has no surviving parents, or to
23 the legal guardian of the organically brain damaged person. The surviving unremarried
24 spouse, dependents, parents, siblings, or the legal guardian may elect to receive payment
25 in a lump sum payment of \$100,000.00 paid in equal monthly installments for five years

26 or a lump sum of such amount reduced to its present value upon the basis of interest
27 calculated at the rate of 6 percent per annum; or".

28 **SECTION 3.**

29 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
30 without such approval and shall apply to all claims filed or pending on and after such date.

31 **SECTION 4.**

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