

House Bill 696

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to arrest by law enforcement officers generally, so as to mandate an effort to quickly
3 execute certain arrest warrants under certain circumstances; to provide for a short title; to
4 change provisions relating to the duty of law enforcement officers to execute penal warrants;
5 to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and
6 for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Shatikey and Demiya Predatory Violence
10 Prevention Act."

11 **SECTION 2.**

12 Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
13 arrest by law enforcement officers generally, is amended by revising Code Section 17-4-24,
14 relating to the duty of law enforcement officers to execute penal warrants and summoning
15 of posses, as follows:

16 "17-4-24.

17 Every law enforcement officer ~~is bound to~~ shall expeditiously execute the ~~penal arrest~~
18 warrants given to him or her to execute. ~~He~~ A law enforcement officer may summon ~~to his~~
19 assistance, either in writing or orally, from any of the citizens of the neighborhood or
20 county to assist in the execution of such warrants. The acts of the citizens formed as a
21 posse by such officer shall be subject to the same protection and consequences as official
22 acts. If the arrest warrant is for murder, armed robbery, rape, aggravated sodomy,
23 aggravated sexual battery, aggravated child molestation, or child molestation and the
24 accused has previously been arrested for at least two felony offenses, a law enforcement
25 officer shall attempt to serve such warrant within 12 hours of such warrant being issued."

26 **SECTION 3.**

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

29 **SECTION 4.**

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.