

House Resolution 1369

By: Representatives Willard of the 51st, Hitchens of the 161st, Lumsden of the 12th, Atwood of the 179th, and Fleming of the 121st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Georgia Law Enforcement Certification Program and commending the
2 commitment to excellence on the part of the employees of state certified law enforcement
3 agencies; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, in 1990 the Georgia Law Enforcement Certification Program was first created
5 in collaboration with the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, the Georgia Sheriffs'
6 Association, the Georgia Municipal Association, the Association County Commissioners of
7 Georgia, the Georgia Police Officer Standards and Training Council, and the Department of
8 Community Affairs; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1996 a partial committee was formed of law enforcement professionals to
10 create a standards manual that would establish a viable, functioning, and workable program;
11 the Georgia Law Enforcement Certification Program became administratively attached to the
12 Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, was endorsed by the State of Georgia and its
13 honorable Governor, and was fully created; and

14 WHEREAS, as of today agencies are required to meet 129 separate standards across eight
15 different chapters which cover a wide array of law enforcement activities accentuating the
16 most current, practical, and relevant topics and policies, such as role and responsibility,
17 organization and management, personnel, legal, operations, support services, communication,
18 and holding areas; and

19 WHEREAS, the benchmarks, commonly known as standards or best practices requirements,
20 provide a description of what must be accomplished by the agency while allowing the agency
21 the latitude in determining how it will achieve compliance with the standards; and

22 WHEREAS, the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police administers, refines, and updates
23 the standards to reflect the most current and modern public safety trends making the Georgia
24 Law Enforcement Certification Program a standard for all agencies to attempt to achieve; and

25 WHEREAS, the public confidence in the agencies that are state certified is often reflected
26 in the reduction of some liability costs provided by insurers; and

27 WHEREAS, the success of this program is evident in that an aggregate of 124 premier law
28 enforcement agencies are now state certified, including some municipal, county, university,
29 K-12, and state agencies.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body recognize the Georgia Law Enforcement Certification Program and
32 commend the commitment to excellence on the part of the employees of state certified law
33 enforcement agencies, thanking them for serving the citizens of the State of Georgia with the
34 utmost integrity, and thereby solidifying public confidence in the state certification program
35 and all of the law enforcement agencies comprising the program.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
38 Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police.