

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth offered the following substitute to SB 149:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 employment and training of peace officers, so as to provide for training requirements for
3 school resource officers; to provide for a definition; to provide for rules and regulations by
4 the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council for the administration of such
5 training requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

8 Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment and
9 training of peace officers, is amended in Code Section 35-8-2, relating to definitions, by
10 adding a new paragraph to read as follows:
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12 "(10.1) 'School resource officer' means a peace officer whose primary employment or
13 assigned duties with a law enforcement unit is assignment or appointment to a public
14 elementary school or secondary school."

SECTION 2.

15 Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:
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17 "35-8-27.

18 (a) It is the best practice for any person assigned or appointed as a school resource officer
19 to successfully complete a training course for school resource officers approved by the
20 council.

21 (b) For purposes of subsection (a) of this Code section, the council shall maintain a
22 training course consisting of 40 hours of training for school resource officers. Such
23 training course shall, at a minimum, provide training in the role of a peace officer assigned
24 to an elementary or secondary school, search and seizure in elementary and secondary
25 schools, criminal offenses, gang awareness, drug awareness, interviews and interrogations,

26 emergency preparedness, and interpersonal interactions with adolescents, including the
27 encountering of mental health issues."

28 **SECTION 3.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.