Senate Bill 29

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AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 36-92-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to 2 definitions regarding waiver of immunity for motor vehicle claims, so as to revise definitions to clarify that a sheriff's office shall be considered a local government entity and that a 3 4 sheriff, deputy sheriff, or other agent, servant, or employee of a sheriff's office shall be 5 included in such waiver for purposes of the waiver of sovereign immunity for local government motor vehicle claims; to clarify and conform such waiver of sovereign immunity 6 7 in response to Davis v. Morrison, 344 Ga. App. 527 (2018); to provide for related matters; 8 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. 9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA: 10 **SECTION 1.** 11 Code Section 36-92-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions 12 regarding waiver of immunity for motor vehicle claims, is amended by revising paragraph 13 (4) as follows: 14 "(4) 'Local government officer or employee' means: 15 (A) An an officer, agent, servant, attorney, or employee of a local government entity; 16 or (B) A sheriff, deputy sheriff, or other agent, servant, or employee of a sheriff's office." 17 **SECTION 2.** 18

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.