

House Bill 555 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Carpenter of the 4th and Ridley of the 6th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 4 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to warrants for arrest, so as to add DFCS case manager to the people for whom arrest
3 warrants may be issued only by certain judicial officers; to provide for related matters; to
4 provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Article 3 of Chapter 4 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 warrants for arrest, is amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 17-4-40, relating
9 to persons who may issue warrants for arrest of offenders against penal laws, warrants
10 requested by others, and persons who may issue warrants for arrest of law enforcement or
11 peace officers or school teachers or administrators, as follows:

12 "(c) Any warrant for the arrest of a peace officer, law enforcement officer, DFCS case
13 manager, teacher, or school administrator for any offense alleged to have been committed
14 while in the performance of his or her duties may be issued only by a judge of a superior
15 court, a judge of a state court, or a judge of a probate court."

16 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

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

19 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 3.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.