

Senate Bill 132

By: Senators Butler of the 55th, Merritt of the 9th, Jackson of the 41st, Rahman of the 5th, Orrock of the 36th and others

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 prohibit officers from use
3 of force maneuvers that restrict blood or oxygen flow to the brain; to provide for related
4 matters; 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 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 arrest by law enforcement officers generally, is amended by revising subsection (d) of Code
9 Section 17-4-20, relating to authorization of arrests with and without warrants generally, use
10 of deadly force, adoption or promulgation of conflicting regulations, policies, ordinances,
11 and resolutions, and authority of nuclear power facility security officer, as follows:

12 "(d) No sheriff or peace officer who is appointed or employed in conformity with
13 Chapter 8 of Title 35 shall, in the use of force, use any maneuver against a person that
14 restricts blood or oxygen flow to the brain of such person, including, but not limited to,
15 choke holds, strangleholds, neck restraints, neck holds, or carotid artery restraints. No law
16 enforcement agency of this state or of any political subdivision of this state shall adopt or
17 promulgate any rule, regulation, or policy which prohibits a peace officer from using that

18 ~~degree of force to apprehend a suspected felon which is allowed by the statutory and case~~
19 ~~law of this state."~~

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.