

COMMITTEES OF CONFERENCE SUBSTITUTE TO HB 142

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 8 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to campus policemen, so as to provide for the establishment of unified campus police forces through agreements entered into by colleges and universities; to provide for definitions; to provide for arrest powers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 8 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to campus policemen, is amended by revising Code Section 20-8-1, relating to definitions, as follows:
"20-8-1.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Campus' means the grounds and buildings owned or occupied by a college or university, the grounds and buildings owned or occupied by any college or university that has entered into a united police force agreement, or the grounds and buildings of a school or training facility operated by or under the authority of the State Board of Education.

The term 'campus' shall also include any public or private property within 500 yards of

the property of an educational facility and one-quarter mile of any public street or public sidewalk connecting different buildings of the same educational facility when the property or buildings of the educational facility are located within any county in this state having a population of 400,000 or more according to the United States decennial census of 1970 or any future such census.

(2) 'Campus policeman' means an employee of an educational facility whose duties include the enforcement of the laws of this state; the preservation of public order; the protection of life and property; the prevention, detection, or investigation of crime; or any combination thereof.

(3) 'College or university' means an accredited, nonproprietary, public or private educational institution of higher learning located in this state.

(4) 'Educational facility' means a college or university or a school or training facility operated by or under the authority of the State Board of Education.

(5) 'United police force agreement' means a contract entered into by two or more colleges or universities for the purpose of sharing campus policemen and related resources."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-8-2, relating to law enforcement powers of campus policemen, as follows:

"20-8-2.

(a) On the campus of an educational facility, a campus policeman employed by such educational facility who is certified in accordance with Code Section 20-8-3 and when authorized by the governing body or authority of such educational facility shall have the same law enforcement powers, including the power of arrest, as a law enforcement officer of the local government with police jurisdiction over such campus.

(b) On any campus of an educational facility for any college or university which has entered into a united police force agreement, a campus policeman employed by any of the

43 colleges or universities participating in the united police force agreement who is certified
44 in accordance with Code Section 20-8-3 shall have the same law enforcement powers,
45 including the power of arrest, as a law enforcement officer of any local government with
46 police jurisdiction over such campuses."

47 **SECTION 3.**

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