Senate Bill 292

By: Senators Seabaugh of the 28th, Unterman of the 45th, Kemp of the 3rd and Bowen of the 13th

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Chapter 1 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to law enforcement officers and agencies, so as to provide for the creation or adoption of pursuit policies by law enforcement agencies; to provide for the withholding of funding for noncompliance; 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 1 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to law enforcement officers and agencies, is amended by adding a new Code Section 35-1-14 to read as follows:

"35-1-14.

On and after January 1, 2004, each state, county, and local law enforcement agency that conducts emergency response and vehicular pursuits shall adopt written policies that set forth the manner in which these operations shall be conducted. Each law enforcement agency may create their own such policies or adopt an existing model. All pursuit policies created or adopted by any law enforcement agency must address situations in which police pursuits cross over into other jurisdictions. Law enforcement agencies which do not comply with the requirements of this provision are subject to the withholding of any state funding or state administered federal funding."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.