

The House Committee on Motor Vehicles offers the following substitute to SB 115:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and
2 traffic, so as to provide for a curriculum or presentation curriculum educating drivers and the
3 public on the best practices to implement when interacting with law enforcement officers;
4 to provide for duties by the Department of Driver Services, Department of Public Safety, and
5 the Georgia Public Safety Training Center; to provide for instructional content; to authorize
6 a local governing body to apply for a permit to operate a traffic enforcement safety device
7 which enforces the speed limit in a school zone by recorded images; to provide for related
8 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is
12 amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

13 "40-5-10.

14 The Department of Public Safety, in collaboration with the Georgia Public Safety Training
15 Center, shall develop a curriculum or presentation curriculum to educate drivers and the
16 public on the best practices to implement when interacting with law enforcement officers.

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Such curriculum shall be designed by the Georgia Public Safety Training Center and shall include, but not be limited to, electronic and video formats. Such curriculum shall be used as part of a driver education training course provided for by law. The department shall promulgate any rules and regulations necessary relating to driver training schools for purposes of this Code section. Such curriculum shall be designed to include the following information:

(1) The best practices of what a driver should do during a traffic stop initiated by a law enforcement officer;

(2) Recommendations for interacting with law enforcement officers during traffic stops;

(3) The consequences associated with continuous citations and habitual violations; and

(4) Understanding officer discretion in relation to action taken during a traffic stop, which may include, but not be limited to, requesting identification, use of force, detainment, pursuits, and legal warnings."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-14-18, relating to enforcement of speed limit in school zones with recorded images, civil monetary penalty, and vehicle registration and transfer of title restrictions for failure to pay penalty, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) The speed limit within any school zone as provided for in Code Section 40-14-8 and marked pursuant to Code Section 40-14-6 may be enforced by using photographically recorded images for violations which occurred only on a school day during the time in which instructional classes are taking place and one hour before such classes are scheduled to begin and for one hour after such classes have concluded when such violations are in excess of ten miles per hour over the speed limit.

(2) Prior to the placement of a device within a school zone, ~~each school within whose school zone such~~ the local governing body of the county or municipality whose law enforcement agency shall be authorized to enforce the speed limit where an automated

43 traffic enforcement safety device is to be placed shall first apply for and secure a permit
44 from the Department of Transportation for the use of such automated traffic enforcement
45 safety device. Such permit shall be awarded based upon need. The Department of
46 Transportation shall promulgate rules and regulations for the implementation of this
47 paragraph."

48 **SECTION 3.**

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