

The Senate Committee on Public Safety offered the following substitute to SB 358:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 35-5-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 Georgia Public Safety Training Center available for use by certain personnel, fees,
3 enrollment, authorization for expenditure of funds, and powers and duties, so as to provide
4 for the reimbursement of certain costs incurred by active duty, retired, or honorably
5 discharged members of the United States armed forces who are attending basic law
6 enforcement training; to provide for limitations on such reimbursements; to provide for
7 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Code Section 35-5-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia
11 Public Safety Training Center available for use by certain personnel, fees, enrollment,
12 authorization for expenditure of funds, and powers and duties, is amended in subsection (d)
13 by revising paragraphs (2) through (6) and adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

14 "(2) To reimburse or provide for certain costs incurred in training peace officers,
15 emergency medical personnel, and law enforcement support personnel employed or
16 appointed by each agency, organ, or department of this state, counties, and municipalities

to the extent that funds are appropriated for such purpose by the General Assembly. In the event sufficient funds are not appropriated for a fiscal year to fund the full cost provided for in this paragraph, then the amount which would otherwise be payable shall be reduced pro rata on the basis of the funds actually appropriated. As used in this paragraph, the terms 'cost' and 'costs' shall not include travel or salaries of personnel undergoing training and shall be limited exclusively to the cost of tuition, ~~meals, and lodging~~ which ~~are~~ is incurred in connection with such training;

(3) To reimburse or provide for certain costs incurred in training active duty, retired, or honorably discharged members of the United States armed forces who are attending basic law enforcement training, as outlined in subsection (a) of Code Section 35-8-9, to the extent that funds are appropriated for such purpose by the General Assembly. In the event sufficient funds are not appropriated for a fiscal year to fund the full cost provided for in this paragraph, then the amount which would otherwise be payable shall be reduced pro rata on the basis of the funds actually appropriated. As used in this paragraph, the terms 'cost' and 'costs' shall not include travel or salaries of service members undergoing training and shall be limited exclusively to the cost of tuition which is incurred in connection with such training if such cost or costs are not covered by any other resource available to such service member. Each active duty, retired, or honorably discharged service member undergoing this training shall have complied with the requirements set forth in Code Section 35-8-8.

(4) To expend funds appropriated or otherwise available to the center for paying the costs of training provided under subsection (a) of Code Section 35-8-20, other than travel expenses and salaries of police chiefs or department heads of law enforcement units and wardens of state institutions undergoing training, and shall expend such funds for purposes of compensating a training officer to administer the course of training and conduct any business associated with the training provisions of said Code Section 35-8-20;

~~(4)~~(5) To expend funds appropriated or otherwise available to the center for paying the costs of training provided for under subsection (a) of Code Section 35-8-20.1, other than travel expenses and salaries of police chiefs or department heads of law enforcement units undergoing training, and shall expend such funds for purposes of compensating a training officer to administer the course of training and conduct any business associated with the training provisions of said Code Section 35-8-20.1;

~~(5)~~(6) To expend funds appropriated or otherwise available to the center for paying the costs of training provided for under Chapter 11 of Title 31 for the initial certification training and continued training as needed by emergency medical personnel and shall expend such funds for purposes of compensating a training officer to administer the course of training and conduct any business associated with the training provisions of said chapter; and

~~(6)~~(7) To administer and coordinate the training for communications officers with respect to the requirements of Code Section 35-8-23. The board shall be authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to facilitate the administration and coordination of training consistent with the provisions of said Code Section 35-8-23. The tuition costs of the training of communications officers shall be paid from funds appropriated to the center."

SECTION 2.

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