

House Bill 142

By: Representatives Mainor of the 56th, Collins of the 71st, Jackson of the 128th, Lumsden of the 12th, Crowe of the 118th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

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

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 8 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to campus
9 policemen, is amended by revising Code Section 20-8-1, relating to definitions, as follows:
10 "20-8-1.

11 As used in this chapter, the term:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

32 **SECTION 2.**

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

35 "20-8-2.

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

41 (b) On any campus of an educational facility for any college or university which has
42 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.