

Senate Bill 407

By: Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 general provisions regarding law enforcement officers and agencies, so as to require the
3 documenting of certain information in incidents of family violence; to provide a short title;
4 to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Raesha Danielle Heard Act."

8 **SECTION 2.**

9 Chapter 1 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
10 provisions regarding law enforcement officers and agencies, is amended by adding a new
11 Code section to read as follows:

12 "35-1-24.

13 Any law enforcement officer or agency that responds to a report of family violence or an
14 incident involving an actual or alleged act of family violence, as defined in Code Section

15 19-13-1, shall prepare an incident report that, in addition to all other requirements,
16 includes:

17 (1) Whether any party to the incident involving actual or alleged family violence is the
18 subject of an active or expired protective order in the Georgia Protective Order Registry;
19 and

20 (2) To the extent reasonably obtainable, the number and nature of prior incidents
21 involving law enforcement between the parties to the incident involving actual or alleged
22 family violence."

23 **SECTION 3.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.