

The House Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security offers the following substitute to HB 138:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 35-8-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 powers and duties of the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, so as  
3 establish basic and in-service training courses on de-escalation techniques and methods; to  
4 provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and  
5 for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 35-8-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the powers and  
9 duties of the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, is amended by revising  
10 paragraph (20) as follows:

11 "(20) To establish as part of the curriculum for basic and in-service training courses for  
12 all peace officers training on organized criminal activity, and criminal street gangs, and  
13 de-escalation techniques and methods that include scenario based training;"

14 **SECTION 2.**

15 This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

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**SECTION 3.**

17 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.