

House Bill 967

By: Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Ridley of the 6th, Horner of the 3rd, Fleming of the 114th, Chastain of the 7th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 6A of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, so as to establish a grant program to provide financial
3 assistance to law enforcement agencies to equip certain motor vehicles with bullet-resistant
4 features; to provide a definition; to establish criteria and procedures for such grants; to
5 require reporting from grant recipients; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
6 laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 6A of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Criminal
10 Justice Coordinating Council, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

11 "35-6A-18.

12 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'peace officer' shall have the same meaning as
13 set forth in Code Section 35-8-2.

14 (b) The council shall be authorized to establish a grant program to provide financial
15 assistance to law enforcement agencies to equip motor vehicles used by peace officers with
16 certain bullet-resistant components. The grant program shall include funding, subject to

17 appropriations by the General Assembly, for grants to law enforcement agencies to
18 purchase and install bullet-resistant windshields, side windows, rear windows, and door
19 panels on such law enforcement agencies' motor vehicles used by peace officers in the
20 discharge of official duties.

21 (c) The council shall establish and administer:

22 (1) Eligibility and selection criteria for grant applicants;

23 (2) Grant application procedures;

24 (3) Guidelines relating to grant amounts;

25 (4) Procedures for evaluating grant applications; and

26 (5) Procedures for monitoring the use of a grant awarded under the program and ensuring
27 compliance with any conditions of a grant.

28 (d) A law enforcement agency receiving a grant under this Code section shall, as soon as
29 practicable after spending the grant money, provide to the council proof of purchase and
30 installation, as applicable, of bullet-resistant windshields, side windows, rear windows, or
31 door panels paid for in whole or in part using grant funds."

32 **SECTION 2.**

33 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.