

The Senate Committee on Public Safety offered the following substitute to SB 482:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Titles 35 and 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to law
2 enforcement officers and agencies and state government, respectively, so as to require
3 persons requesting booking photographs or law enforcement videos to provide the first and
4 last names of the individuals in such photographs or videos; to require requests for booking
5 photographs or law enforcement videos to be made as separate requests; to provide for
6 conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and
7 applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to law enforcement officers and
11 agencies, is amended in Chapter 1, relating to general provisions regarding law enforcement
12 officers and agencies, by revising subsection (d) of and adding a new subsection to Code
13 Section 35-1-19, relating to disclosure of arrest booking photographs prohibited, to read as
14 follows:

15 "(d) When a person requests a booking photograph or law enforcement video, he or she
16 shall request such photograph or video by identifying the first and last name of the

17 individual depicted and submit a notarized statement affirming that the use of such
18 photograph or video is in compliance with subsection (c) of this Code section. Any person
19 who knowingly makes a false statement in requesting ~~a booking photograph~~ such
20 photograph or video shall be guilty of a violation of Code Section 16-10-20.

21 (e) Requests for booking photographs or law enforcement videos shall be made in person
22 as separate requests for each booking photograph or law enforcement video requested."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended
25 in Chapter 18, relating to state printing and documents, by revising paragraph (4) of
26 subsection (a) of Code Section 50-18-72, relating to when public disclosure not required, as
27 follows:

28 "(4) Records of law enforcement, prosecution, or regulatory agencies in any pending
29 investigation or prosecution of criminal or unlawful activity, other than initial police
30 arrest reports and initial incident reports; provided, however, that an investigation or
31 prosecution shall no longer be deemed to be pending when all direct litigation involving
32 such investigation and prosecution has become final or otherwise terminated; and
33 provided, further, that this paragraph shall not apply to records in the possession of an
34 agency that is the subject of the pending investigation or prosecution; and provided,
35 further, that the release of booking photographs and law enforcement videos shall only
36 be permissible in accordance with Code Section 35-1-19;"

37 **SECTION 3.**

38 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026, and shall apply to any request for a booking
39 photograph made on or after such date.

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SECTION 4.

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