

House Bill 1436

By: Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Powell of the 33rd, Kelley of the 16th, Rhodes of the 124th, and McDonald III of the 26th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions relative to bonds and recognizances, so as to prohibit the
3 distribution of funds to local government agencies that substantially limit cash bail conditions
4 for certain offenses; to provide for a short title; to provide for a definition; to provide for
5 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 general provisions relative to bonds and recognizances, is amended by adding a new Code
10 section to read as follows:

11 "17-6-19.

12 (a) This Code section shall be known and may be cited as the 'Georgia Keep Violent
13 Criminals Off Our Streets Act.'

14 (b) As used in this Code section, the term 'covered offense' means a criminal offense that
15 poses a clear threat to public safety and order and includes all offenses provided in
16 subsection (a) of Code Section 17-6-1.

17 (c) The fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2027, and each fiscal year thereafter, no state
18 agency or office of state government shall award, renew, or extend a grant or funds to any
19 branch of local government that has in effect any law, policy, or standing order that limits
20 secured cash bail as a potential condition of release for an individual charged with a
21 covered offense under the jurisdiction of such local government."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.