

House Bill 549 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, McDonald III of the 26th, McCollum of the 30th, Lumsden of the 12th, Hitchens of the 161st, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 35-8-22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 reimbursement of training expenses by subsequent employer of peace officer, collection
3 procedure, and required documentation, so as to extend the time frame for which
4 reimbursement of total training expenses by a subsequent employer of a peace officer may
5 be sought; to provide for types of training eligible for reimbursement; to provide for related
6 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 35-8-22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reimbursement
10 of training expenses by subsequent employer of peace officer, collection procedure, and
11 required documentation, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

12 "(a)(1) Unless otherwise provided by an employment contract to the contrary and subject
13 to paragraph (2) of this subsection, if the State of Georgia or any county or municipality
14 thereof employs a peace officer and said peace officer is hired by another agency within
15 15 36 months after completing mandated or formalized training requirements, then the
16 total expense of training, ~~including salary paid during training,~~ shall be reimbursed by the

17 hiring agency to the State of Georgia or any county or municipality thereof which initially
18 paid for such training. ~~If said officer is hired by another agency during a period of 15 to~~
19 ~~24 months after mandated or formalized training requirements are completed, then~~
20 ~~one-half of the total expense of training, including salary paid during training, shall be~~
21 ~~reimbursed by the hiring agency to the State of Georgia or any county or municipality~~
22 ~~thereof which initially paid for such training. The council shall set standards for~~
23 ~~reimbursement by hiring agencies based upon actual expenses incurred in mandated or~~
24 ~~formalized training by individual departments.~~

25 (2) The total expense of training to be reimbursed pursuant to this subsection shall be
26 limited to:

27 (A) The actual cost of any equipment and materials required by the council approved
28 school that the peace officer attended;

29 (B) The salary paid during the time the peace officer attended the basic training course
30 as provided for in Code Section 35-8-9, as well as any housing, meal, and transportation
31 costs incurred during such attendance; and

32 (C) Up to 90 days of salary paid during the time the peace officer participated in a field
33 training program."

34 **SECTION 2.**

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