

Senate Bill 363

By: Senators Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Goodman of the 8th, Summers of the 13th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 5 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 Georgia Public Safety Training Center, so as to provide for establishment of a Georgia Public
3 Safety Training Center law enforcement unit; to provide for jurisdiction, powers, and duties
4 for peace officers appointed to such unit; to authorize the issuance of motor vehicles,
5 uniforms, and weaponry to such peace officers; to provide for related matters; to repeal
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 5 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia
10 Public Safety Training Center, is amended by revising Code Section 35-5-7, relating to
11 security police force, as follows:

12 "35-5-7.

13 (a) The administrator of the center, with the approval of the board, is authorized to
14 establish a ~~security police force~~ law enforcement unit within the Georgia Public Safety
15 Training Center and appoint employees to serve as peace officers who shall be responsible
16 for preserving public order, protecting life and property, and preventing crime. Such
17 employees shall have been certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training

18 Council as having successfully completed the course of training required by Chapter 8 of
19 this title, the 'Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Act.'

20 (b) ~~While in the performance of their duties on property of the Georgia Public Safety~~
21 ~~Training Center, such security police, such peace officers~~ shall have the same law
22 enforcement powers, including the power of arrest, as a any other law enforcement officer
23 ~~of the local government with police jurisdiction over such in this state. The Georgia Public~~
24 ~~Safety Training Center law enforcement unit shall have jurisdiction and the duty to enforce~~
25 laws on all properties controlled by the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, enforce
26 state laws when ordered by the Governor or requested by another law enforcement or
27 emergency management agency, and protect life and property. Such officers shall be
28 authorized to possess and carry such firearms and other weapons while on duty as may be
29 prescribed by the administrator of the center.

30 (c) From funds appropriated or available to the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, the
31 administrator of the center shall be authorized to provide motor vehicles, uniforms,
32 firearms, and any other equipment and supplies to employees of the Georgia Public Safety
33 Training Center law enforcement unit necessary to carry out the provisions of this Code
34 section.

35 (d) This Code section shall not repeal, supersede, alter, or affect the power of any other
36 law enforcement officer of this state or of any county, municipality, or other political
37 subdivision of this state."

38 **SECTION 2.**

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