Senate Bill 358
By: Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Thompson of the 14th, Harbison of the 15th, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 35-5-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Public Safety Training Center available for use by certain personnel, fees, enrollment, authorization for expenditure of funds, and powers and duties, so as to provide for the reimbursement of certain costs incurred by active duty, retired, or honorably discharged members of the United States armed forces who are attending basic law enforcement training; to provide for limitations on such reimbursements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

10 Code Section 35-5-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Public Safety Training Center available for use by certain personnel, fees, enrollment, authorization for expenditure of funds, and powers and duties, is amended in subsection (d) by revising paragraphs (2) through (6) and adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(2) To reimburse or provide for certain costs incurred in training peace officers, emergency medical personnel, and law enforcement support personnel employed or appointed by each agency, organ, or department of this state, counties, and municipalities"
to the extent that funds are appropriated for such purpose by the General Assembly. In
the event sufficient funds are not appropriated for a fiscal year to fund the full cost
provided for in this paragraph, then the amount which would otherwise be payable shall
be reduced pro rata on the basis of the funds actually appropriated. As used in this
paragraph, the terms 'cost' and 'costs' shall not include travel or salaries of personnel
undergoing training and shall be limited exclusively to the cost of tuition, meals, and
lodging which are incurred in connection with such training;

(3) To reimburse or provide for certain costs incurred in training active duty, retired, or
honorably discharged members of the United States armed forces who are attending basic
law enforcement training, as outlined in subsection (a) of Code Section 35-8-9, to the
extent that funds are appropriated for such purpose by the General Assembly. In the
event sufficient funds are not appropriated for a fiscal year to fund the full cost provided
for in this paragraph, then the amount which would otherwise be payable shall be reduced
pro rata on the basis of the funds actually appropriated. As used in this paragraph, the
terms 'cost' and 'costs' shall not include travel or salaries of service members undergoing
training and shall be limited exclusively to the cost of tuition which is incurred in
connection with such training if such cost or costs are not covered by any other resource
available to such service member. Each active duty, retired, or honorably discharged
service member undergoing this training shall have complied with the requirements set
forth in Code Section 35-8-8.

(4) To expend funds appropriated or otherwise available to the center for paying the
costs of training provided under subsection (a) of Code Section 35-8-20, other than travel
expenses and salaries of police chiefs or department heads of law enforcement units and
wardens of state institutions undergoing training, and shall expend such funds for
purposes of compensating a training officer to administer the course of training and
conduct any business associated with the training provisions of said Code Section
35-8-20;
(4)(5) To expend funds appropriated or otherwise available to the center for paying the costs of training provided for under subsection (a) of Code Section 35-8-20.1, other than travel expenses and salaries of police chiefs or department heads of law enforcement units undergoing training, and shall expend such funds for purposes of compensating a training officer to administer the course of training and conduct any business associated with the training provisions of said Code Section 35-8-20.1;

(5)(6) To expend funds appropriated or otherwise available to the center for paying the costs of training provided for under Chapter 11 of Title 31 for the initial certification training and continued training as needed by emergency medical personnel and shall expend such funds for purposes of compensating a training officer to administer the course of training and conduct any business associated with the training provisions of said chapter; and

(6)(7) To administer and coordinate the training for communications officers with respect to the requirements of Code Section 35-8-23. The board shall be authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to facilitate the administration and coordination of training consistent with the provisions of said Code Section 35-8-23. The tuition costs of the training of communications officers shall be paid from funds appropriated to the center."

SECTION 2.

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