

Senate Bill 154

By: Senators Gooch of the 51st, Ginn of the 47th, Robertson of the 29th, Walker III of the 20th, Dugan of the 30th and others

**AS PASSED**

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 45-16-65 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 powers and duties of the Georgia Coroner's Training Council, so as to provide for hearing  
3 complaints from outside parties regarding coroners; to provide for related matters; to provide  
4 for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 45-16-65 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the powers and  
8 duties of the Georgia Coroner's Training Council, is revised as follows:

9 "45-16-65.

10 The council is vested with the following functions, powers, and responsibilities:

- 11 (1) To make all the necessary rules and regulations to carry out this article;
- 12 (2) To cooperate with and secure the cooperation of every department, agency, or  
13 instrumentality of the state government or its political subdivisions in furtherance of the  
14 purposes of this article;
- 15 (3) To approve schools and to prescribe minimum qualifications for instructors at  
16 approved schools;
- 17 (4) To issue a certificate of certification to any coroner satisfactorily complying with an  
18 approved training program;
- 19 (5) To withdraw or suspend the certification of any coroner who has performed or is  
20 performing the duties of a coroner in violation of this chapter;
- 21 (6) To do any and all things necessary or convenient to enable it wholly and adequately  
22 to perform its duties and to exercise the power granted to it; ~~and~~
- 23 (7) To review complaints from outside parties and make recommendations concerning  
24 the retention, suspension, or removal of a coroner from his or her position; and

