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

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

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

"45-16-65.
The council is vested with the following functions, powers, and responsibilities:
(1) To make all the necessary rules and regulations to carry out this article;
(2) To cooperate with and secure the cooperation of every department, agency, or instrumentality of the state government or its political subdivisions in furtherance of the purposes of this article;
(3) To approve schools and to prescribe minimum qualifications for instructors at approved schools;
(4) To issue a certificate of certification to any coroner satisfactorily complying with an approved training program;
(5) To withdraw or suspend the certification of any coroner who has performed or is performing the duties of a coroner in violation of this chapter;
(6) To do any and all things necessary or convenient to enable it wholly and adequately to perform its duties and to exercise the power granted to it; and
(7) To review complaints from outside parties and make recommendations concerning the retention, suspension, or removal of a coroner from his or her position; and
To prescribe, by rules and regulations, the minimum requirements for curricula and standards composing the initial in-service, advanced, specialized, and continuing training courses for certification.

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2019.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.