

The Senate Committee on Public Safety offered the following substitute to HB 1004:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 8 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 campus policemen, so as to provide for the establishment of unified public safety services
3 through agreements entered into by colleges and universities; to provide for definitions; to
4 provide for arrest powers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 8 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to campus
9 policemen, is amended by revising Code Section 20-8-1, relating to definitions, as follows:
10 "20-8-1.

11 As used in this chapter, the term:

12 (1) 'Campus' means the grounds and buildings owned or occupied by a college or
13 university, the grounds and buildings owned or occupied by any college or university that
14 has entered into a unified public safety agreement, or the grounds and buildings of a
15 school or training facility operated by or under the authority of the State Board of
16 Education. The term 'campus' shall also include any public or private property within

17 500 yards of the property of an educational facility and one-quarter mile of any public
18 street or public sidewalk connecting different buildings of the same educational facility
19 when the property or buildings of the educational facility are located within any county
20 in this state having a population of 400,000 or more according to the United States
21 decennial census of 1970 or any future such census.

22 (2) 'Campus policeman' means an employee of an educational facility whose duties
23 include the enforcement of the laws of this state; the preservation of public order; the
24 protection of life and property; the prevention, detection, or investigation of crime; or any
25 combination thereof.

26 (3) 'Campus public safety officer' means an employee of a college or university whose
27 duties include providing public safety services upon campus and shall include a:

28 (A) Campus policeman;

29 (B) Person certified as an emergency medical technician, paramedic, or cardiac
30 technician under Chapter 11 of Title 31; or

31 (C) Person employed as a professional firefighter.

32 ~~(3)~~(4) 'College or university' means an accredited, nonproprietary, public or private
33 educational institution of higher learning located in this state.

34 ~~(4)~~(5) 'Educational facility' means a college or university or a school or training facility
35 operated by or under the authority of the State Board of Education.

36 (6) 'Unified public safety agreement' means a contract entered into by two or more
37 colleges or universities for the purpose of sharing public safety officers and related
38 resources or establishing a single, unified public safety department for all participating
39 colleges and universities."

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SECTION 2.

41 Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-8-2, relating to law enforcement
42 powers of campus policemen, as follows:

43 "20-8-2.

44 (a) On the campus of an educational facility, a campus policeman employed by such
45 educational facility who is certified in accordance with Code Section 20-8-3 and when
46 authorized by the governing body or authority of such educational facility shall have the
47 same law enforcement powers, including the power of arrest, as a law enforcement officer
48 of the local government with police jurisdiction over such campus.

49 (b) On any campus of an educational facility for any college or university which has
50 entered into a unified public safety agreement, a campus policeman employed by any of
51 the colleges or universities participating in the unified public safety agreement who is
52 certified in accordance with Code Section 20-8-3 shall have the same law enforcement
53 powers, including the power of arrest, as a law enforcement officer of any local
54 government with police jurisdiction over such campuses.

55 (c) On any campus of an educational facility for any college or university which has
56 entered into a unified public safety agreement, a public safety officer shall be authorized
57 to perform public safety services upon any campus of the colleges or universities
58 participating in such unified public safety agreement."

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SECTION 3.

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