

House Bill 1188

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 employment and training of peace officers, so as to extend the time frame for which  
3 reimbursement of total training expenses by a subsequent employer of a peace officer may  
4 be sought; to remove partial reimbursement of such training expenses; to limit total training  
5 expenses to certain costs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
6 other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment and  
10 training of peace officers, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 35-8-22,  
11 relating to reimbursement of training expenses by subsequent employer of peace officer,  
12 collection procedure, and required documentation, as follows:

13 "(a)(1) Unless otherwise provided by an employment contract to the contrary and subject  
14 to paragraph (2) of this subsection, if the State of Georgia or any county or municipality  
15 thereof employs a peace officer and said peace officer is hired by another agency within  
16 36 ~~45~~ months after completing mandated or formalized training requirements, then the

17 total expense of training, ~~including salary paid during training,~~ shall be reimbursed by the  
18 hiring agency to the State of Georgia or any county or municipality thereof which initially  
19 paid for such training. ~~If said officer is hired by another agency during a period of 15 to~~  
20 ~~24 months after mandated or formalized training requirements are completed, then~~  
21 ~~one-half of the total expense of training, including salary paid during training,~~ shall be  
22 reimbursed by the hiring agency to the State of Georgia or any county or municipality  
23 thereof which initially paid for such training. ~~The council shall set standards for~~  
24 reimbursement by hiring agencies based upon actual expenses incurred in mandated or  
25 formalized training by individual departments.

26 (2) The total expense of training to be reimbursed pursuant to this subsection shall be  
27 limited to:

28 (A) The actual cost of any equipment and materials required by the council approved  
29 school that the peace officer initially attended;

30 (B) The salary paid during the time the peace officer attended the basic training course  
31 as provided for in Code Section 35-8-9, as well as any housing, meal, and transportation  
32 costs incurred during such attendance; and

33 (C) Up to 30 days of salary paid during the time the peace officer participated in field  
34 training."

35 **SECTION 2.**

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