

House Bill 236

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 13 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to granting of relief by superior courts, so as to provide for additional monitoring of  
3 the victim after the granting of a temporary protective order; to provide for related matters;  
4 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 1 of Chapter 13 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
8 granting of relief by superior courts, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as  
9 follows:

10 "19-13-4.1.

11 Upon granting a protective order under Code Section 19-13-3 or 19-13-4, the court shall  
12 inquire with the petitioner whether he or she elects to receive periodic safety checks from  
13 the local law enforcement agency. If such petitioner elects to receive such periodic safety  
14 checks, the clerk of the superior court shall issue a copy of such order, along with the  
15 petitioner's request, to the local law enforcement agency who shall then provide safety  
16 checks to the petitioner at the petitioner's residential address included within the protective

17 order for a period of 60 days. Such safety checks shall occur at intervals and times in the  
18 discretion of the local law enforcement agency and shall continue for the duration of the  
19 order or until such request is withdrawn by the petitioner or the local law enforcement  
20 agency determines that the petitioner's circumstances no longer appear to require such  
21 safety checks."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.