

Senate Bill 11

By: Senators Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Dugan of the 30th, Payne of the 54th,
Beach of the 21st and others

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions concerning the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, so as to
3 provide for independent and concurrent jurisdiction by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation
4 in cases involving the identification, investigation, arrest, and prosecution of an individual
5 or groups of individuals for violation of laws concerning domestic, cyber, biological,
6 chemical, and nuclear terrorism; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters;
7 to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Georgia Fights Terrorism Act."

11 **SECTION 2.**

12 Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
13 general provisions concerning the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, is amended by revising

14 Code Section 35-3-8.1, relating to power of bureau to assist other law enforcement agencies,
15 as follows:

16 "35-3-8.1.

17 (a) Upon request of the governing authority or chief law enforcement officer of any
18 municipality, the sheriff of any county, the chief of the county police force of any county
19 having a population of more than 100,000 according to the United States decennial census
20 of 1970 or any future such census, ~~the~~ a judge of the superior court of any county of this
21 state, or the Governor, the director, in unusual circumstances, may, and in the case of a
22 request by the Governor, shall, direct the bureau to render assistance in any criminal case,
23 in the prevention or detection of violations of law, or in the detection or apprehension of
24 persons violating the criminal laws of this state, any other state, or the United States.

25 (b) The bureau shall be authorized to work independently, work concurrently with other
26 law enforcement agencies, and request the assistance of other law enforcement agencies
27 when, in the sole discretion of the director, such independent work, concurrent work, or
28 request for assistance would not compromise the successful completion of cases involving
29 the identification, investigation, arrest, and prosecution of an individual or groups of
30 individuals for violation of laws concerning domestic, cyber, biological, chemical, and
31 nuclear terrorism."

32 **SECTION 3.**

33 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
34 without such approval

35 **SECTION 4.**

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