

Senate Bill 215

By: Senators Brass of the 28th, Rhett of the 33rd, Walker III of the 20th, Robertson of the 29th, Esteves of the 6th and others

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to inspection of public records, so as to require local governments to remove upon
3 request certain personally identifiable information of law enforcement officers from certain
4 property records; to provide for definitions; to require local governments to provide a form
5 for such requests; to provide for injunctive relief; to provide for related matters; to repeal
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
10 inspection of public records, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

11 "50-18-78.

12 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

13 (1) 'Law enforcement officer' means a sheriff, deputy sheriff, police officer, policeman,
14 peace officer, officer or member of the Department of Public Safety, or other officer or
15 official who has the power of arrest and who is responsible for enforcing the criminal
16 laws of the federal government or the state or its political subdivisions.

- 17 (2) 'Local government' means any county or municipality of this state.
- 18 (3) 'Personally identifiable information' means the residential address or phone number
19 of an individual and the individual's spouse, if applicable.
- 20 (b) Within 30 days after receiving a written request by any law enforcement officer, a local
21 government shall remove the personally identifiable information of such law enforcement
22 officer from all property records that are publicly available on any internet website of the
23 local government. Relief for a law enforcement officer whose personally identifiable
24 information is not removed within 30 days of such request shall be limited to injunctive
25 relief against the county employee who had a ministerial duty to remove such personally
26 identifiable information.
- 27 (c) On or before January 1, 2024, each local government shall provide a form for a law
28 enforcement officer to use when requesting removal of personally identifiable information,
29 which may include a process for verification of employment as a law enforcement officer.
30 Such form shall be made available by the local government on its internet website."

31 **SECTION 2.**

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