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House Bill 636

By: Representatives Shannon of the 84th, Scott of the 76th, Thomas of the 39th, Stephenson of the 90th, Cannon of the 58th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

- 1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
- 2 general provisions regarding law enforcement officers and agencies, so as to provide that law
- 3 enforcement agencies shall require its officers to report in writing every use of force against
- 4 any subject; to require that a publicly available data base be maintained of such reports; to
- 5 provide that discipline records for the use of force shall be maintained within such data base;
- 6 to provide for maintenance of such data base; to provide for a short title; to provide for
- 7 related matters; 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 "Use of Force Data Collection Act."

11 SECTION 2.

- 12 Chapter 1 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
- provisions regarding law enforcement officers and agencies, is amended by adding a new
- 14 Code section to read as follows:
- 15 "<u>35-1-23.</u>
- On and after July 1, 2019, each state, county, and local law enforcement agency, including,
- but not limited to, agencies wholly employing campus policemen as provided for in
- 18 Chapter 8 of Title 20, shall require law enforcement officers under its employment to report
- in writing every use of force against any subject. State, county, and local law enforcement
- 20 <u>agencies shall enter and maintain such information in a centralized data base that is</u>
- 21 <u>accessible to the public. Such data base shall identify law enforcement officers under the</u>
- 22 <u>employment of any state, county, or local law enforcement agency who have been</u>
- disciplined as a result of the use of force. Such data base shall be updated on the fifth day
- 24 of each month to reflect such use of force and discipline reports from the preceding month
- 25 that have not been entered in such data base."

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26 SECTION 3.

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.