

House Bill 1134

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 16-15-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 participation in criminal gang activity prohibited, so as to provide for the concurrent  
3 authority of prosecuting attorneys and the Attorney General to prosecute offenses involving  
4 criminal gang activity; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 16-15-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to participation  
9 in criminal gang activity prohibited, is amended by adding a new subsection to read as  
10 follows:

11 "(n) Prosecuting attorneys and the Attorney General shall have concurrent authority to  
12 prosecute any criminal cases arising under the provisions of this Code section and to  
13 perform any duty that necessarily appertains thereto. For purposes of investigating  
14 offenses or criminal cases arising under the provisions of this Code section, the Attorney  
15 General shall have the authority to employ peace officers who shall be authorized to  
16 execute all powers of a peace officer."

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**SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.