

Senate Bill 53

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Jones II of the 22nd, Sims of the 12th, Lucas of the 26th, Orrock of the 36th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions relative to the department of public safety, so as to provide for
3 the establishment of a program to educate the public on safe storage of firearms, contingent
4 upon funding; 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 Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 general provisions relative to the department of public safety, is amended by adding a new
10 Code section to read as follows:

11 "35-2-17.

12 Subject to appropriations by the General Assembly or receipt of other funding for such
13 purpose, the department shall establish a program to educate the public on the safe storage
14 of firearms and to promote such safe storage. Such program may include information
15 including, but not limited to, any laws relating to storing a firearm and preventing persons
16 under 18 years of age from accessing a firearm. The department shall be authorized to

17 coordinate with the Department of Education in the development of materials providing
18 information on best practices for firearm storage for distribution of such materials in
19 schools. The department shall be authorized to accept federal funds granted by Congress
20 or executive order for the purposes of this Code section; provided, however, that any
21 acceptance and use of federal funds shall not commit state funds and shall not place an
22 obligation upon the General Assembly to continue the purposes for which the federal funds
23 are made available."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.