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GOVERNOR PERDUE HONORS THE GEORGIA INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

In a special ceremony this morning at the State Capitol, Governor Sonny Perdue spotlighted grants to the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange Program (GILEE) in the amount of \$45,375. The GILEE program is a special initiative of the Department of Criminal Justice at Georgia State University and is directed by Dr. Robbie Friedmann.

The GILEE Program serves criminal justice executives across the state by providing educational and collaborative opportunities with senior Israeli law enforcement officials in an effort to learn more about anti-terrorism efforts and homeland security.

Governor Perdue said, "The GILEE program is vitally important to strengthening Georgia's preparedness and response to terrorism. I am honored to have this initiative in the State of Georgia."

The award is part of the State of Georgia's allocation from the 2003 Edward Byrne Memorial Drug Control and System Improvement Formula Grant Program. The purpose of the Byrne Grant Program is to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system with emphasis on violent crimes and serious offenders and to enforce state and local laws. The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) administers the Byrne Grant Program in Georgia.

CJCC Executive Director Gale Buckner said, "The Byrne Grant Program provides vital support to local criminal justice initiatives throughout Georgia."

The federal government awards the grant to CJCC on behalf of the State of Georgia for distribution to state agencies and local units of government. All recipients must apply under one of twenty-nine (29) purpose areas, which range in scope from a project pertaining to drug education and prevention to drug task forces. In addition, the grant program fosters a level of community involvement by requiring a 25% cash match of each applicant.

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“Since the inception of the GILEE Program, more than 150 law enforcement executives from across the state were provided the opportunity to learn hands-on from experts in Israel who are confronted with acts of terrorism on a daily basis,” said Buckner.



(Left to Right) Executive Director L. Gale Buckner, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, Dr. Robbie Friedmann, Department of Criminal Justice, Georgia State University, Governor Sonny Perdue