

_____ offers the following
substitute to HB 269:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 9 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pardons and paroles, so as to provide specific powers and duties of the Board of Pardons and Paroles concerning children who have been tried and convicted in superior court; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 9 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pardons and paroles, is amended by inserting a new Code section to be designated Code Section 42-9-23 to read as follows:

"42-9-23.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law including mandatory sentences, the board shall have the power to release on pardon or parole individuals tried and convicted as adults pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Code Section 15-11-28 only if the board finds that there is reasonable probability that, if the offender is so released, he or she will live and conduct himself or herself as a respectable and law-abiding person and that his or her release will be compatible with his or her own welfare and the welfare of society."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.