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1 Senators Butler of the 55th, Thomas of the 10th and Tate of the 38th offered the following
2 amendment:

3 Amend SB 203 by inserting at the end of line 2 of page 1, immediately after "schools; to" the
4 following:

5 "authorize local units of administration to enter agreements for the enrollment in virtual
6 charter schools of certain persons in the physical custody of the Department of Juvenile
7 Justice or the Department of Corrections; to provide that any person in such custody is
8 eligible for enrollment in a virtual charter school until such person attains the age of 21
9 years; to".

10 By inserting in line 3 of page 1 immediately after "definitions;" the following:

11 "to provide express authorization for the Department of Corrections and the Department
12 of Juvenile Justice to petition for the creation of, operate, and contract with virtual charter
13 schools for students up to 21 years of age;"

14 By inserting between lines 10 and 11 of page 1 the following:

"SECTION 1.

15 Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and
16 secondary education, is amended in Code Section 20-2-133, relating to free public education,
17 by inserting in subsection (b) a new paragraph to be designated paragraph (8) to read as
18 follows:
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20 '(8) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code section or this title, local units of
21 administration are authorized to enter charter school agreements with virtual charter
22 schools and with the Department of Juvenile Justice or the Department of Corrections,
23 as applicable, for the enrollment of any person in the physical custody of the Department
24 of Juvenile Justice or the Department of Corrections, provided that such person is not
25 older than 21 years of age.'

SECTION 2.

26 Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 20-2-150, relating to eligibility for
27 enrollment, by striking subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

28 '(b)(1) A child who was a legal resident of one or more other states for a period of two
29 years immediately prior to moving to this state and who was legally enrolled in a public
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1 kindergarten or first grade, or a kindergarten or first grade accredited by a state or
2 regional association, shall be eligible for enrollment in the appropriate general or special
3 education programs authorized in this part if such child will attain the age of five for
4 kindergarten or six for first grade by December 31 and is otherwise qualified.

5 (2) A person who is in the physical custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice or the
6 Department of Corrections is eligible for enrollment in a virtual charter school until such
7 person attains the age of 21 years."

8 By renumbering Sections 1 through 8 as Sections 3 through 10, respectively.

9 By striking lines 12 and 13 of page 1 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

10 "Said chapter is further amended in Article 31, the 'Charter Schools Act of 1998,' by".

11 By striking the quotation marks at the end of line 16 of page 2 and inserting in lieu thereof
12 the following:

13 "The Department of Corrections and the Department of Juvenile Justice are authorized to
14 submit petitions for the creation of virtual charter schools subject to this article, to operate
15 virtual charter schools, and to enter contracts with local units of administration and with
16 virtual charter schools, provided that such virtual charter schools are authorized or are to
17 be authorized to enroll any person under the age of 21 years who is in the physical custody
18 of the Department of Corrections or the Department of Juvenile Justice."