

Senate Bill 410

By: Senator Tanksley of the 32nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 17-6-72 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 conditions not warranting forfeiture of bond for failure to appear and remission of forfeiture,
3 so as to provide for credits or vouchers for bonding companies under certain circumstances;
4 to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 17-6-72 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conditions not
8 warranting forfeiture of bond for failure to appear and remission of forfeiture, is amended
9 by adding a new subsection (e) to read as follows:

10 "(e) When a bonding company can demonstrate an effort to apprehend or assist in the
11 apprehension of a fugitive who is eventually brought back to jail or tendered to justice in
12 a manner in compliance with applicable laws, the bonding company shall receive a credit
13 or voucher in the full amount of the sums previously paid by the bonding company to
14 satisfy any and all judgments caused by the apprehended fugitive's failure to appear in
15 court from the jurisdiction or jurisdictions that received such payments. A voucher or
16 credit may be tendered as payment in whole or in part at the issuing jurisdiction to satisfy
17 any forfeiture judgment or judgments due in such jurisdiction from any professional
18 bonding company."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.