

House Bill 1556

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 17-10-6.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 punishment for serious violent felonies, so as to provide that the commissioner of corrections
3 may authorize a final portion of a sentence for certain serious violent felonies to be served
4 in work release status; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Safe Communities Act."

9 **SECTION 2.**

10 Code Section 17-10-6.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to punishment
11 for serious violent felonies, is amended by striking paragraph (3) of subsection (c) and
12 inserting in its place a new paragraph to read as follows:

13 "(3) Any sentence imposed for the first conviction of any serious violent felony other
14 than a sentence of life imprisonment or life without parole or death shall be served in its
15 entirety as imposed by the sentencing court and shall not be reduced by any form of
16 parole or early release administered by the State Board of Pardons and Paroles or by any
17 earned time, early release, ~~work release~~, leave, or other sentence-reducing measures
18 under programs administered by the Department of Corrections, the effect of which
19 would be to reduce the period of incarceration ordered by the sentencing court, except
20 that with respect to the offenses specified in paragraphs (2) and (3) of subsection (a) of
21 this Code section the commissioner of corrections may place such person in work release
22 status during some part or all of the final 12 months of the term of imprisonment."

23 **SECTION 3.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.