

House Bill 1702

By: Representative Jenkins of the 93rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions for pardons and paroles, so as to provide for the State Board
3 of Pardons and Paroles to confer police powers on their employees under certain
4 circumstances; to allow certain employees to assist law enforcement or correctional officers
5 under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and
6 for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

8 Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 general provisions for pardons and paroles, is amended by inserting a new Code section to
10 follow Code Section 42-9-9, relating to board employees, to read as follows:
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12 "42-9-9.1.

13 (a) A majority of the members of the board may confer all powers of a police officer of
14 this state, including, but not limited to, the power to make summary arrests for violations
15 of any of the criminal laws of this state and the power to carry weapons, upon persons
16 employed by the board as the members deem necessary, provided that individuals so
17 designated meet the requirements specified in all applicable laws.

18 (b) A majority of the members of the board may authorize certain persons in their
19 employment to assist law enforcement officers or correctional officers of federal, state, or
20 local governments in preserving order and peace when so requested by these authorities."

SECTION 2.

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.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