

House Bill 1059

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**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Titles 16, 17, 35, and 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating
2 respectively to crimes and offenses, criminal procedure, law enforcement officers and
3 agencies, and penal institutions, so as to change provisions relating to sexual offenders; to
4 change punishment provisions, registration requirements, and residency requirements for
5 sexual offenders; to provide for legislative findings; to change punishment provisions related
6 to aggravated assault with the intent to rape; to change punishment provisions related to
7 kidnapping; to change punishment provisions related to false imprisonment; to change
8 punishment provisions related to rape; to change certain provisions relating to sodomy and
9 aggravated sodomy; to provide for lesser punishment for certain sexual offenses committed
10 by persons of certain ages; to change certain provisions relating to statutory rape; to change
11 certain provisions relating to child molestation and aggravated child molestation; to change
12 certain provisions relating to enticing a child for indecent purposes; to change certain
13 provisions relating to persons convicted of sexual assault against persons in custody; to
14 change certain provisions relating to incest; to change certain provisions relating to sexual
15 battery; to change certain provisions relating to aggravated sexual battery; to allow for
16 judicial discretion for mandatory minimum sentences under certain circumstances; to create
17 a new crime involving withholding information concerning a sexual offender and provide for
18 penalties; to change a provision relating to the fixing of a sentence by a judge; to change
19 certain provisions relating to punishment of serious violent offenders and increase the
20 mandatory minimum term of imprisonment for certain offenses; to require persons convicted
21 of certain sexual crimes to receive a mandatory split sentence including a minimum sentence
22 of imprisonment; to add a provision relating to statutory aggravating circumstances for the
23 imposition of the death penalty; to require the Georgia Crime Information Center to collect
24 certain data; to reorganize and change provisions related to the State Sexual Offender
25 Registry; to change and add certain definitions; to change provisions relating to registration
26 requirements for sexual offenders; to provide for an annual registration fee; to provide that
27 sexual offenders register prior to release from prison; to require each sheriff to maintain and
28 update a list of all sexual offenders residing in the county; to provide for duties and

1 responsibilities for sheriffs, the Department of Corrections, the Georgia Bureau of
2 Investigation, and sexual offenders; to require registered sexual offenders to verify required
3 registration information with the sheriff whenever any changes occur to certain information
4 and verify information at least annually within 72 hours of the sexual offender's birthday;
5 to increase the duration for registration requirement; to require the sheriff to notify certain
6 people and entities of the presence of sexual offenders in their community; to increase
7 punishment for failure to comply with registration requirements; to change the appointing
8 authority for the Sexual Offender Registration Review Board; to require the Sexual Offender
9 Registration Review Board to classify sexual offenders; to require sexually dangerous
10 predators to wear an electronic monitoring device for the balance of his or her life and to pay
11 for such device; to require sexually dangerous predators to update required registration
12 information twice yearly; to provide for employment restrictions for sexual offenders; to
13 prohibit sexual offenders from loitering in certain locations; to correct cross-references; to
14 change provisions relating to sexual offenders conditions for parole; to change provisions
15 relating to chemical treatment and counseling as a condition of parole for child molesters;
16 to provide for other related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to
17 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

19 **SECTION 1.**

20 The General Assembly finds and declares that recidivist sexual offenders, sexual offenders
21 who use physical violence, and sexual offenders who prey on children are sexual predators
22 who present an extreme threat to the public safety. Many sexual offenders are extremely
23 likely to use physical violence and to repeat their offenses; and some sexual offenders
24 commit many offenses, have many more victims than are ever reported, and are prosecuted
25 for only a fraction of their crimes. The General Assembly finds that this makes the cost of
26 sexual offender victimization to society at large, while incalculable, clearly exorbitant. The
27 General Assembly further finds that the high level of threat that a sexual predator presents
28 to the public safety, and the long-term effects suffered by victims of sex offenses, provide
29 the state with sufficient justification to implement a strategy that includes:

- 30 (1) Incarcerating sexual offenders and maintaining adequate facilities to ensure that
31 decisions to release sexual predators into the community are not made on the basis of
32 inadequate space;
- 33 (2) Requiring the registration of sexual offenders, with a requirement that complete and
34 accurate information be maintained and accessible for use by law enforcement
35 authorities, communities, and the public;

(3) Providing for community and public notification concerning the presence of sexual offenders;
(4) Collecting data relative to sexual offenses and sexual offenders;
(5) Requiring sexual predators who are released into the community to wear electronic monitoring devices for the rest of their natural life and to pay for such device; and
(6) Prohibiting sexual predators from working with children, either for compensation or as a volunteer.

The General Assembly further finds that the state has a compelling interest in protecting the public from sexual offenders and in protecting children from predatory sexual activity, and there is sufficient justification for requiring sexual offenders to register and for requiring community and public notification of the presence of sexual offenders. The General Assembly declares that in order to protect the public, it is necessary that the sexual offenders be registered and that members of the community and the public be notified of a sexual offender's presence. The designation of a person as a sexual offender is neither a sentence nor a punishment but simply a regulatory mechanism and status resulting from the conviction of certain crimes. Likewise, the designation of a person as a sexual predator is neither a sentence nor a punishment but simply a regulatory mechanism and status resulting from findings by the Sexual Offender Registration Review Board and a court if requested by a sexual offender.

SECTION 2.

Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, is amended by striking Code Section 16-5-21, relating to aggravated assault, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"16-5-21.

(a) A person commits the offense of aggravated assault when he or she assaults:

(1) With intent to murder, to rape, or to rob;
(2) With a deadly weapon or with any object, device, or instrument which, when used offensively against a person, is likely to or actually does result in serious bodily injury; or

(3) A person or persons without legal justification by discharging a firearm from within a motor vehicle toward a person or persons.

(b) Except as provided in subsections (c) through ~~(i)~~ (j) of this Code section, a person convicted of the offense of aggravated assault shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than 20 years.

(c) A person who knowingly commits the offense of aggravated assault upon a peace officer while the peace officer is engaged in, or on account of the performance of, his or

1 her official duties shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less
2 than five nor more than 20 years.

3 (d) Any person who commits the offense of aggravated assault against a person who is 65
4 years of age or older shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not
5 less than three nor more than 20 years.

6 (e)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'correctional officer' shall include
7 superintendents, wardens, deputy wardens, guards, and correctional officers of state,
8 county, and municipal penal institutions who are certified by the Georgia Peace Officer
9 Standards and Training Council pursuant to Chapter 8 of Title 35 and employees of the
10 Department of Juvenile Justice who are known to be employees of the department or who
11 have given reasonable identification of their employment. The term 'correctional officer'
12 shall also include county jail officers who are certified or registered by the Georgia Peace
13 Officer Standards and Training Council pursuant to Chapter 8 of Title 35.

14 (2) A person who knowingly commits the offense of aggravated assault upon a
15 correctional officer while the correctional officer is engaged in, or on account of the
16 performance of, his or her official duties shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by
17 imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years.

18 (f) Any person who commits the offense of aggravated assault in a public transit vehicle
19 or station shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than
20 three nor more than 20 years. For purposes of this Code section, 'public transit vehicle' has
21 the same meaning as in subsection (c) of Code Section 16-5-20.

22 (f.1) Any person who commits the offense of aggravated assault upon a person in the
23 course of violating Code Section 16-8-2 where the property that was the subject of the theft
24 was a vehicle engaged in commercial transportation of cargo or any appurtenance thereto,
25 including without limitation any such trailer, semitrailer, container, or other associated
26 equipment, or the cargo being transported therein or thereon, shall upon conviction be
27 punished by imprisonment for not less than five years nor more than 20 years, a fine not
28 less than \$50,000.00 nor more than \$200,000.00, or both such fine and imprisonment. For
29 purposes of this subsection, the term 'vehicle' includes without limitation any railcar.

30 (g) A person convicted of an offense described in paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of this
31 Code section shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20
32 years.

33 (h) Any person who commits the offense of aggravated assault involving the use of a
34 firearm upon a student or teacher or other school personnel within a school safety zone as
35 defined in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 16-11-127.1 shall, upon
36 conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20
37 years.

(i) If the offense of aggravated assault is committed between past or present spouses, persons who are parents of the same child, parents and children, stepparents and stepchildren, foster parents and foster children, or other persons excluding siblings living or formerly living in the same household, the defendant shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than three nor more than 20 years.

(j) Any person who commits the offense of aggravated assault with intent to rape against a child under the age of 14 years shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than 25 nor more than 50 years. Any person convicted under this subsection shall, in addition, be subject to the sentencing and punishment provisions of Code Section 17-10-6.2."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended by striking Code Section 16-5-40, relating to kidnapping, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"16-5-40.

(a) A person commits the offense of kidnapping when he abducts or steals away any person without lawful authority or warrant and holds such person against his will.

(b) A person convicted of the offense of kidnapping shall be punished by:

(1) Imprisonment imprisonment for not less than ten nor more than 20 years, provided that a person convicted of the offense of kidnapping for ransom shall be punished by if the kidnapping involved a victim who was 14 years of age or older;

(2) Imprisonment for not less than 25 nor more than 50 years if the kidnapping involved a victim who is less than 14 years of age;

(3) Life imprisonment or by death and provided, further, that, if the person kidnapped shall have received bodily injury, the person convicted shall be punished by if the kidnapping was for ransom; or

(4) Life imprisonment or death if the person kidnapped received bodily injury.

(c) Any person convicted under this Code section shall, in addition, be subject to the sentencing and punishment provisions of Code Sections 17-10-6.1 and 17-10-7."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended by striking Code Section 16-5-41, relating to false imprisonment, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"16-5-41.

(a) A person commits the offense of false imprisonment when, in violation of the personal liberty of another, he arrests, confines, or detains such person without legal authority.

(b) A person convicted of the offense of false imprisonment shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than ten years.

(c) Any person convicted under this Code section wherein the victim is not the child of the defendant and the victim is less than 14 years of age shall, in addition, be subject to the sentencing and punishment provisions of Code Section 17-10-6.2."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended by striking Code Section 16-6-1, relating to rape, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"16-6-1.

(a) A person commits the offense of rape when he has carnal knowledge of:

(1) A female forcibly and against her will; or

(2) A female who is less than ten years of age.

Carnal knowledge in rape occurs when there is any penetration of the female sex organ by the male sex organ. The fact that the person allegedly raped is the wife of the defendant shall not be a defense to a charge of rape.

(b) A person convicted of the offense of rape shall be punished by death, by imprisonment for life without parole, by imprisonment for life, or by imprisonment for not less than ~~ten~~
~~25~~ nor more than ~~20~~ 50 years. Any person convicted under this Code section shall, in addition, be subject to the sentencing and punishment provisions of Code Sections 17-10-6.1 and 17-10-7.

(c) When evidence relating to an allegation of rape is collected in the course of a medical examination of the person who is the victim of the alleged crime, the law enforcement agency investigating the alleged crime shall be responsible for the cost of the medical examination to the extent that expense is incurred for the limited purpose of collecting evidence."

SECTION 6.

25 Said title is further amended by striking Code Section 16-6-2, relating to sodomy and
26 aggravated sodomy, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"16-6-2.

(a)(1) A person commits the offense of sodomy when he or she performs or submits to any sexual act involving the sex organs of one person and the mouth or anus of another.

(2) A person commits the offense of aggravated sodomy when he or she commits sodomy with force and against the will of the other person or when he or she commits sodomy with a person who is less than ~~ten~~ 14 years of age. The fact that the person allegedly sodomized is the spouse of a defendant shall not be a defense to a charge of aggravated sodomy.

(b)(1) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this Code section, a person convicted of the offense of sodomy shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than 20 years and shall be subject to the sentencing and punishment provisions of Code Section 17-10-6.2.

(2) A person convicted of the offense of aggravated sodomy shall be punished by imprisonment for life or by imprisonment for not less than ~~ten~~ 25 nor more than ~~30~~ 50 years. Any person convicted under this Code section of the offense of aggravated sodomy shall, in addition, be subject to the sentencing and punishment provisions of Code Sections 17-10-6.1 and 17-10-7.

(c) When evidence relating to an allegation of aggravated sodomy is collected in the course of a medical examination of the person who is the victim of the alleged crime, the law enforcement agency investigating the alleged crime shall be financially responsible for the cost of the medical examination to the extent that expense is incurred for the limited purpose of collecting evidence.

(d) If the victim is 14 or 15 years of age and the person convicted of sodomy is no more than three years older than the victim, such person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall not be subject to the sentencing and punishment provisions of Code Section 17-10-6.2."

SECTION 7.

Said title is further amended by striking Code Section 16-6-3, relating to statutory rape, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"16-6-3.

(a) A person commits the offense of statutory rape when he or she engages in sexual intercourse with any person under the age of 16 years and not his or her spouse, provided that no conviction shall be had for this offense on the unsupported testimony of the victim.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, a person convicted of the offense of statutory rape shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than 20 years; provided, however, that if the person so convicted is 21 years of age or older, such person shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than ten nor more than 20 years; ~~provided, further, that if~~ Any person convicted under this subsection of the offense of statutory rape shall, in addition, be subject to the sentencing and punishment provisions of Code Section 17-10-6.2.

(c) If the victim is 14 or 15 years of age and the person so convicted is no more than three years older than the victim, such person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

SECTION 8.

2 Said title is further amended by striking Code Section 16-6-4, relating to child molestation
3 and aggravated child molestation, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

4 "16-6-4.

5 (a) A person commits the offense of child molestation when he or she does any immoral
6 or indecent act to or in the presence of or with any child under the age of 16 years with the
7 intent to arouse or satisfy the sexual desires of either the child or the person.

(b)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a person convicted of a first offense of child molestation shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years and shall be subject to the sentencing and punishment provisions of Code Sections 17-10-6.2 and 17-10-7. Upon such first conviction of the offense of child molestation, the judge may probate the sentence; and such probation may be upon the special condition that the defendant undergo a mandatory period of counseling administered by a licensed psychiatrist or a licensed psychologist. However, if the judge finds that such probation should not be imposed, he or she shall sentence the defendant to imprisonment; provided, further, that upon a defendant's Upon a defendant being incarcerated on a conviction for such a first offense, the Department of Corrections shall provide counseling to such defendant. Upon a second or subsequent conviction of an offense of child molestation, the defendant shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than ten years nor more than 30 years or by imprisonment for life and shall be subject to the sentencing and punishment provisions of Code Sections 17-10-6.2 and 17-10-7; provided, however, that prior to trial, a defendant shall be given notice, in writing, that the state intends to seek a punishment of life imprisonment. Adjudication of guilt or imposition of sentence for a conviction of a second or subsequent offense of child molestation, including a plea of nolo contendere, shall not be suspended, probated, deferred, or withheld.

27 (2) If the victim is 14 or 15 years of age and the person convicted of the first offense of
28 child molestation is no more than three years older than the victim, such person shall be
29 guilty of a misdemeanor and shall not be subject to the sentencing and punishment
30 provisions of Code Section 17-10-6.2.

31 (c) A person commits the offense of aggravated child molestation when such person
32 commits an offense of child molestation which act physically injures the child, or involves
33 an act of sodomy, or involves a child under the age of 14 years.

34 (d)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a A person convicted of
35 the offense of aggravated child molestation shall be punished by imprisonment for not
36 less than ten 25 nor more than 30 50 years. Any person convicted under this Code section

1 of the offense of aggravated child molestation shall, in addition, and shall be subject to
2 the sentencing and punishment provisions of Code Sections 17-10-6.1 and 17-10-7.

3 (2) A person convicted of the offense of aggravated child molestation when:

4 (1) The victim is 14 or 15 years of age;

5 (2) The person so convicted is no more than three years older than the victim; and

6 (3) The basis of the charge of aggravated child molestation involves an act of sodomy
7 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall not be subject to the sentencing and punishment
8 provisions of Code Section 17-10-6.1.

9 (2) The court sentencing a person who has been convicted of a first offense of aggravated
10 child molestation when the victim is 16 years of age or younger at the time of the offense
11 is authorized to require, before sentencing, that the defendant undergo a psychiatric
12 evaluation to ascertain whether or not medroxyprogesterone acetate chemical treatment
13 or its equivalent would be effective in changing the defendant's behavior. If it is
14 determined by a qualified mental health professional that such treatment would be
15 effective, the court may require, as a condition of probation and upon provisions arranged
16 between the court and the defendant, the defendant to undergo medroxyprogesterone
17 acetate treatment or its chemical equivalent which must be coupled with treatment by a
18 qualified mental health professional. In case of a person sentenced to probation who is
19 required to undergo such treatment or its chemical equivalent and is in the custody of a
20 law enforcement agency or confined in a jail at the time of sentencing, when he or she
21 becomes eligible for probation, such person shall begin medroxyprogesterone acetate
22 treatment and counseling prior to his or her release from custody or confinement. A
23 person sentenced to probation who is required to undergo such treatment and who is not
24 in the custody of a law enforcement agency or confined in a jail at the time of sentencing
25 shall be taken into custody or confined until treatment can begin. Additional treatment
26 may continue after such defendant's release from custody or confinement until the
27 defendant demonstrates to the court that such treatment is no longer necessary. No such
28 treatment shall be administered until such person has been fully informed of the side
29 effects of hormonal chemical treatment and has consented to the treatment in writing.
30 The administration of the treatment shall conform to the procedures and conditions set
31 out in subsection (c) of Code Section 42-9-44.2.

32 (3) Any physician or qualified mental health professional who acts in good faith in
33 compliance with the provisions of this Code section and subsection (c) of Code Section
34 42-9-44.2 in the administration of treatment or provision of counseling provided for in
35 this Code section shall be immune from civil or criminal liability for his or her actions
36 in connection with such treatment or counseling."

SECTION 9.

1 Said title is further amended by striking Code Section 16-6-5, relating to enticing a child for
2 indecent purposes, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

3 "16-6-5.

4 (a) A person commits the offense of enticing a child for indecent purposes when he or she
5 solicits, entices, or takes any child under the age of 16 years to any place whatsoever for
6 the purpose of child molestation or indecent acts.

7 (b) A person convicted of the offense of enticing a child for indecent purposes shall be
8 punished by imprisonment for not less than one ten nor more than 20 30 years; provided,
9 however, that any person convicted of the offense of enticing a child under the age of 14
10 years for indecent purposes shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than 25 nor
11 more than 50 years. Any person convicted under this Code section of the offense of
12 enticing a child for indecent purposes shall, in addition, be subject to the sentencing and
13 punishment provisions of Code Section 17-10-6.2. Upon a first conviction of the offense
14 of enticing a child for indecent purposes, the judge may probate the sentence; and such
15 probation may be upon the special condition that the defendant undergo a mandatory period
16 of counseling administered by a licensed psychiatrist or a licensed psychologist. However,
17 if the judge finds that such probation should not be imposed, he shall sentence the
18 defendant to imprisonment. Upon a second or third conviction of such offense, the
19 defendant shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than five years. For a fourth or
20 subsequent conviction of the offense of enticing a child for indecent purposes, the
21 defendant shall be punished by imprisonment for 20 years. Adjudication of guilt or
22 imposition of sentence for a conviction of a third, fourth, or subsequent offense of enticing
23 a child for indecent purposes, including a plea of nolo contendere, shall not be suspended,
24 probated, deferred, or withheld."

SECTION 10.

26 Said title is further amended by striking Code Section 16-6-5.1, relating to sexual assault
27 against persons in custody, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

28 "16-6-5.1.

29 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

30 (1) 'Actor' means a person accused of sexual assault.

31 (2) 'Intimate parts' means the genital area, groin, inner thighs, buttocks, or breasts of a
32 person.

33 (3) 'Psychotherapy' means the professional treatment or counseling of a mental or
34 emotional illness, symptom, or condition.

1 (4) 'Sexual contact' means any contact for the purpose of sexual gratification of the actor
2 with the intimate parts of a person not married to the actor.

3 (b) A probation or parole officer or other custodian or supervisor of another person
4 referred to in this Code section commits sexual assault when he or she engages in sexual
5 contact with another person who is a probationer or parolee under the supervision of said
6 probation or parole officer or who is in the custody of law or who is enrolled in a school
7 or who is detained in or is a patient in a hospital or other institution and such actor has
8 supervisory or disciplinary authority over such other person. A person convicted of sexual
9 assault shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one ten nor more than three 30
10 years; provided, however, that any person convicted of the offense of sexual assault under
11 this subsection of a child under the age of 14 years shall be punished by imprisonment for
12 not less than 25 nor more than 50 years. Any person convicted under this subsection of the
13 offense of sexual assault shall, in addition, be subject to the sentencing and punishment
14 provisions of Code Section 17-10-6.2.

15 (c)(1) A person commits sexual assault when such person has supervisory or disciplinary
16 authority over another person and such person engages in sexual contact with that other
17 person who is:

18 (A) In the custody of law; or

19 (B) Detained in or is a patient in a hospital or other institution.

20 (2) A person commits sexual assault when, as an actual or purported practitioner of
21 psychotherapy, he or she engages in sexual contact with another person who the actor
22 knew or should have known is the subject of the actor's actual or purported treatment or
23 counseling, or, if the treatment or counseling relationship was used to facilitate sexual
24 contact between the actor and said person.

25 (3) Consent of the victim shall not be a defense to a prosecution under this subsection.

26 (4) A person convicted of sexual assault under this subsection shall be punished by
27 imprisonment for not less than one ten nor more than three 30 years; provided, however,
28 that any person convicted of the offense of sexual assault under this subsection of a child
29 under the age of 14 years shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than 25 nor
30 more than 50 years. Any person convicted under this subsection of the offense of sexual
31 assault shall, in addition, be subject to the sentencing and punishment provisions of Code
32 Section 17-10-6.2.

33 (d) A person who is an employee, agent, or volunteer at any facility licensed or required
34 to be licensed under Code Section 31-7-3, relating to long-term care facilities, or Code
35 Section 31-7-12, relating to personal care homes, or who is required to be licensed pursuant
36 to Code Section 31-7-151 or 31-7-173, relating to home health care and hospices, commits
37 sexual assault when such person engages in sexual contact with another person who has

been admitted to or is receiving services from such facility, person, or entity. A person convicted of sexual assault pursuant to this subsection shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than ~~one~~ ten nor more than ~~five~~ 30 years, or a fine of not more than \$5,000.00, or both. Any violation of this subsection shall constitute a separate offense. Any person convicted under this subsection of the offense of sexual assault shall, in addition, be subject to the sentencing and punishment provisions of Code Section 17-10-6.2."

SECTION 11.

8 Said title is further amended by striking Code Section 16-6-22, relating to incest, and
9 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

10 "16-6-22.

11 (a) A person commits the offense of incest when he or she engages in sexual intercourse
12 with a person to whom he or she knows he or she is related either by blood or by marriage
13 as follows:

- (1) Father and daughter or stepdaughter;
 - (2) Mother and son or stepson;
 - (3) Brother and sister of the whole blood or of the half blood;
 - (4) Grandparent and grandchild;
 - (5) Aunt and nephew; or
 - (6) Uncle and niece.

(b) A person convicted of the offense of incest shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one ten nor more than 20 30 years; provided, however, that any person convicted of the offense of incest under this subsection with a child under the age of 14 years shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than 25 nor more than 50 years. Any person convicted under this Code section of the offense of incest shall, in addition, be subject to the sentencing and punishment provisions of Code Section 17-10-6.2."

SECTION 12.

27 Said title is further amended by striking Code Section 16-6-22.1, relating to sexual battery,
28 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

29 "16-6-22.1.

30 (a) For the purposes of this Code section, the term 'intimate parts' means the primary
31 genital area, anus, groin, inner thighs, or buttocks of a male or female and the breasts of a
32 female.

33 (b) A person commits the offense of sexual battery when he intentionally makes physical
34 contact with the intimate parts of the body of another person without the consent of that
35 person.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this Code section, a person convicted of the offense of sexual battery shall be punished as for a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature.

(d) A person convicted of the offense of sexual battery against any child under the age of 16 years shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by

imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years.

(e) Upon a second or subsequent conviction under this Code section, a person shall, in

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10 Said title is further amended by striking Code Section 16-6-22.2, relating to aggravated
11 homicide, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

12 "16 € 22.2

13 (a) For the purposes of this Code section, the term 'foreign object' means any article or
14 instrument other than the sexual organ of a person.

15 (b) A person commits the offense of aggravated sexual battery when he or she
16 intentionally penetrates with a foreign object the sexual organ or anus of another person
17 without the consent of that person or commits the offense of sexual battery against a child
18 under the age of 14 years.

19 (c) A person convicted of the offense of aggravated sexual battery shall be punished by
20 imprisonment for not less than ~~ten~~ 25 nor more than ~~20~~ 50 years. ~~Any person convicted~~
21 ~~under this Code section shall, in addition,~~ and shall be subject to the sentencing and
22 punishment provisions of Code Sections 17-10-6.1 and 17-10-7."

SECTION 14.

24 Said title is further amended by inserting at the end thereof a new Code Section 16-6-25 to
25 read as follows:

26 "16-6-25.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'law enforcement unit' means any agency, organ, or department of this state, or a subdivision or municipality thereof, whose primary functions include the enforcement of criminal or traffic laws; the preservation of public order; the protection of life and property; or the prevention, detection, or investigation of crime. Such term shall also include the Department of Corrections and the State Board of Pardons and Paroles.

33 (b) Any person who knows or reasonably believes that a sexual offender, as defined in
34 Code Section 42-1-12, is not complying, or has not complied, with the requirements of
35 Code Section 42-1-12 and who, with the intent to assist such sexual offender in eluding a

1 law enforcement unit that is seeking such sexual offender to question him or her about, or
2 to arrest him or her for, his or her noncompliance with the requirements of Code Section
3 42-1-12:
4 (1) Withholds information from, or does not notify, the law enforcement unit about such
5 sexual offender's noncompliance with the requirements of Code Section 42-1-12, and,
6 if known, the whereabouts of such sexual offender;
7 (2) Harbors, attempts to harbor, or assists another person in harboring or attempting
8 harbor such sexual offender;
9 (3) Conceals, attempts to conceal, or assists another person in concealing or attempting
10 to conceal such sexual offender; or
11 (4) Provides information to the law enforcement unit regarding such sexual offender
12 which the person knows to be false information
13 commits a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more
14 than 20 years."

15 SECTION 15.

16 Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, is
17 amended by striking paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 17-10-1, relating to the
18 fixing of a sentence, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

19 "(a)(1) Except in cases in which life imprisonment, life without parole, or the death
20 penalty may be imposed, upon a verdict or plea of guilty in any case involving a
21 misdemeanor or felony, and after a presentence hearing, the judge fixing the sentence
22 shall prescribe a determinate sentence for a specific number of months or years which
23 shall be within the minimum and maximum sentences prescribed by law as the
24 punishment for the crime. The judge imposing the sentence is granted power and
25 authority to suspend or probate all or any part of the entire sentence under such rules and
26 regulations as the judge deems proper, including service of a probated sentence in the
27 sentencing options system, as provided by Article 9 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, and
28 including the authority to revoke the suspension or probation when the defendant has
29 violated any of the rules and regulations prescribed by the court, even before the
30 probationary period has begun, subject to the conditions set out in this subsection;
31 provided, however, that such action shall be subject to the provisions of Code Section
32 Sections 17-10-6.1 and 17-10-6.2."

33 SECTION 16.

34 Said title is further amended by striking Code Section 17-10-6.1, relating to punishment for
35 serious violent offenders, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

1 "17-10-6.1.

2 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'serious violent felony' means:

3 (1) Murder or felony murder, as defined in Code Section 16-5-1;

4 (2) Armed robbery, as defined in Code Section 16-8-41;

5 (3) Kidnapping, as defined in Code Section 16-5-40;

6 (4) Rape, as defined in Code Section 16-6-1;

7 (5) Aggravated child molestation, as defined in subsection (c) of Code Section 16-6-4,
8 unless subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of subsection (d) of Code Section
9 16-6-4;

10 (6) Aggravated sodomy, as defined in Code Section 16-6-2; or

11 (7) Aggravated sexual battery, as defined in Code Section 16-6-22.2.

12 (b)(1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, any person convicted
13 of a serious violent felony as defined in paragraphs (2) through (7) of subsection (a)
14 of this Code section of kidnapping involving a victim who is 14 years of age or older or
15 armed robbery shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of ten
16 years and no portion of the mandatory minimum sentence imposed shall be suspended,
17 stayed, probated, deferred, or withheld by the sentencing court and shall not be reduced
18 by any form of pardon, parole, or commutation of sentence by the State Board of Pardons
19 and Paroles.

20 (2) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, any person convicted
21 of the serious violent felony of:

22 (A) Kidnapping involving a victim who is less than 14 years of age;

23 (B) Rape;

24 (C) Aggravated child molestation, as defined in subsection (c) of Code Section 16-6-4,
25 unless subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of subsection (d) of Code Section
26 16-6-4;

27 (D) Aggravated sodomy, as defined in Code Section 16-6-2; or

28 (E) Aggravated sexual battery, as defined in Code Section 16-6-22.2

29 shall be sentenced to a split sentence which shall include a mandatory minimum term of
30 imprisonment of 25 years followed by probation for the remainder of the person's natural
31 life. No portion of the mandatory minimum sentence imposed shall be suspended, stayed,
32 probated, deferred, or withheld by the sentencing court and shall not be reduced by any
33 form of pardon, parole, or commutation of sentence by the State Board of Pardons and
34 Paroles.

35 (3) No person convicted of a serious violent felony as defined in subsection (a) of this
36 Code section shall be sentenced as a first offender pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of
37 Title 42, relating to probation for first offenders, or any other provision of Georgia law

1 relating to the sentencing of first offenders. The State of Georgia shall have the right to
2 appeal any sentence which is imposed by the superior court which does not conform to
3 the provisions of this subsection in the same manner as is provided for other appeals by
4 the state in accordance with Chapter 7 of Title 5, relating to appeals or certiorari by the
5 state.

6 (c)(1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of Code Section 42-9-39, for a first
7 conviction of a serious violent felony in which the defendant has been sentenced to life
8 imprisonment, that person shall not be eligible for any form of parole or early release
9 administered by the State Board of Pardons and Paroles until that person has served a
10 minimum of ~~14~~ 20 years in prison. The minimum term of imprisonment shall not be reduced by any earned time, early release, work release, leave, or other sentence-reducing measures under programs administered by the Department of Corrections.

13 (2) For a first conviction of a serious violent felony in which the defendant has been
14 sentenced to death but the sentence of death has been commuted to life imprisonment,
15 that person shall not be eligible for any form of parole or early release administered by
16 the State Board of Pardons and Paroles until that person has served a minimum of 25
17 years in prison. The minimum term of imprisonment shall not be reduced by any earned
18 time, early release, work release, leave, or other sentence-reducing measures under
19 programs administered by the Department of Corrections.

20 (3) Any sentence imposed for the first conviction of any serious violent felony other than
21 a sentence of life imprisonment or life without parole or death shall be served in its
22 entirety as imposed by the sentencing court and shall not be reduced by any form of
23 parole or early release administered by the State Board of Pardons and Paroles or by any
24 earned time, early release, work release, leave, or other sentence-reducing measures
25 under programs administered by the Department of Corrections, the effect of which
26 would be to reduce the period of incarceration ordered by the sentencing court.

27 (d) For purposes of this Code section, a first conviction of any serious violent felony
28 means that the person has never been convicted of a serious violent felony under the laws
29 of this state or of an offense under the laws of any other state or of the United States, which
30 offense if committed in this state would be a serious violent felony. Conviction of two or
31 more crimes charged on separate counts of one indictment or accusation, or in two or more
32 indictments or accusations consolidated for trial, shall be deemed to be only one
33 conviction."

34 SECTION 17.

35 Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to follow Code Section
36 17-10-6.1, relating to punishment for serious violent offenders, to read as follows:

1 "17-10-6.2.

2 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'sexual offense' means:

3 (1) Aggravated assault with the intent to rape, as defined in Code Section 16-5-21;

4 (2) False imprisonment, as defined in Code Section 16-5-41, if the victim is not the child
5 of the defendant and the victim is less than 14 years of age;

6 (3) Sodomy, as defined in Code Section 16-6-2, unless subject to the provisions of
7 subsection (d) of Code Section 16-6-2;

8 (4) Statutory rape, as defined in Code Section 16-6-3, if the person convicted of the
9 crime is 21 years of age or older;

10 (5) Child molestation, as defined in subsection (a) of Code Section 16-6-4, unless subject
11 to the provisions of paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Code Section 16-6-4;

12 (6) Enticing a child for indecent purposes, as defined in Code Section 16-6-5;

13 (7) Sexual assault against persons in custody, as defined in Code Section 16-6-5.1;

14 (8) Incest, as defined in Code Section 16-6-22;

15 (9) A second or subsequent conviction for sexual battery, as defined in Code Section
16 16-6-22.1; or

17 (10) Sexual exploitation of children, as defined in Code Section 16-12-100.

18 (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, any person convicted of
19 a sexual offense shall be sentenced to a split sentence which shall include the minimum
20 term of imprisonment specified in the Code section applicable to the offense. No portion
21 of the mandatory minimum sentence imposed shall be suspended, stayed, probated,
22 deferred, or withheld by the sentencing court and such sentence shall include, in addition
23 to the mandatory imprisonment, an additional probated sentence of at least one year. No
24 person convicted of a sexual offense shall be sentenced as a first offender pursuant to
25 Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, relating to probation for first offenders, or any other
26 provision of Georgia law relating to the sentencing of first offenders."

27 SECTION 18.

28 Said title is further amended in subsection (b) of Code Section 17-10-30, relating to the
29 procedure for implementation of the death penalty generally, by striking "or" at the end of
30 paragraph (9), by adding ";" or" at the end of paragraph (10), and by adding a new paragraph
31 (11) to read as follows:

32 "(11) The offense of murder, rape, or kidnapping was committed by a person previously
33 designated as a sexually dangerous predator pursuant to Code Section 42-1-14."

SECTION 19.

1 Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to law enforcement officers and
2 agencies, is amended by striking subparagraph (A) of paragraph (4) of Code Section 35-3-30,
3 relating to definitions used for the Georgia Crime Information Center article, and inserting
4 in lieu thereof the following:

5 "(A) 'Criminal history record information' means information collected by criminal
6 justice agencies on individuals consisting of identifiable descriptions and notations of
7 arrests, detentions, indictments, accusations, information, or other formal charges, and
8 any disposition arising therefrom, sentencing, correctional supervision, and release.
9 Such term also includes the age and sex of each victim as provided by criminal justice
10 agencies. The term does not include identification information, such as fingerprint
11 records, to the extent that such information does not indicate involvement of the
12 individual in the criminal justice system."

SECTION 20.

14 Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penal institutions, is amended
15 by designating Code Sections 42-1-1 through 42-1-11 as Article 1 of Chapter 1, striking in
16 their entirety Code Sections 42-1-12 and 42-1-13, and inserting in their place a new Article
17 2 to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 2

19 42-1-12.

20 (a) As used in this article, the term:

21 (1) 'Address' means the street or route address of the sexual offender's residence. For
22 purposes of this Code section, the term does not mean a post office box, and homeless
23 does not constitute an address.

24 (2) 'Appropriate official' means:

25 (A) With respect to a sexual offender who is sentenced to probation without any
26 sentence of incarceration in the state prison system or who is sentenced pursuant to
27 Article 3 of Chapter 8 of this title, relating to first offenders, the Division of Probation
28 of the Department of Corrections;

29 (B) With respect to a sexual offender who is sentenced to a period of incarceration in
30 a prison under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections and who is
31 subsequently released from prison or placed on probation, the commissioner of
32 corrections or his or her designee;

1 (C) With respect to a sexual offender who is placed on parole, the chairperson of the
2 State Board of Pardons and Paroles or his or her designee; and

3 (D) With respect to a sexual offender who is placed on probation through a private
4 probation agency, the director of the private probation agency or his or her designee.

5 (3) 'Area where minors congregate' shall include all public and private parks and
6 recreation facilities, playgrounds, skating rinks, neighborhood centers, gymnasiums, bus
7 stops, and all other places established for the public to congregate and wait for public
8 transportation.

9 (4) 'Assessment criteria' means the tests that the board members use to determine the
10 likelihood that a sexual offender will commit another criminal offense against a victim
11 who is a minor or commit a dangerous sexual offense.

12 (5) 'Board' means the Sexual Offender Registration Review Board.

13 (6) 'Child care facility' means all public and private pre-kindergarten facilities, day-care
14 centers, preschool facilities, and long-term care facilities for children.

15 (7) 'Church' means a place of public religious worship.

16 (8) 'Conviction' includes a final judgment of conviction entered upon a verdict or finding
17 of guilty of a crime, a plea of guilty, or a plea of nolo contendere. A defendant who is
18 discharged without adjudication of guilt and who is not considered to have a criminal
19 conviction pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of this title, relating to first offenders, shall
20 be subject to the registration requirements of this Code section for the period of time prior
21 to the defendant's discharge after completion of his or her sentence or upon the defendant
22 being adjudicated guilty. Unless otherwise required by federal law, a defendant who is
23 discharged without adjudication of guilt and who is not considered to have a criminal
24 conviction pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of this title, relating to first offenders, shall
25 not be subject to the registration requirements of this Code section upon the defendant's
26 discharge.

27 (9)(A) 'Criminal offense against a victim who is a minor' with respect to convictions
28 occurring on or before June 30, 2001, means any criminal offense under Title 16 or any
29 offense under federal law or the laws of another state or territory of the United States
30 which consists of:

- 31 (i) Kidnapping of a minor, except by a parent;
- 32 (ii) False imprisonment of a minor, except by a parent;
- 33 (iii) Criminal sexual conduct toward a minor;
- 34 (iv) Solicitation of a minor to engage in sexual conduct;
- 35 (v) Use of a minor in a sexual performance;
- 36 (vi) Solicitation of a minor to practice prostitution; or

1 (vii) Any conviction resulting from an underlying sexual offense against a victim
2 who is a minor.

3 (B) 'Criminal offense against a victim who is a minor' with respect to convictions
4 occurring after June 30, 2001, means any criminal offense under Title 16 or any offense
5 under federal law or the laws of another state or territory of the United States which
6 consists of:

- 7 (i) Kidnapping of a minor, except by a parent;
- 8 (ii) False imprisonment of a minor, except by a parent;
- 9 (iii) Criminal sexual conduct toward a minor;
- 10 (iv) Solicitation of a minor to engage in sexual conduct;
- 11 (v) Use of a minor in a sexual performance;
- 12 (vi) Solicitation of a minor to practice prostitution;
- 13 (vii) Use of a minor to engage in any sexually explicit conduct to produce any visual
14 medium depicting such conduct;
- 15 (viii) Creating, publishing, selling, distributing, or possessing any material depicting
16 a minor or a portion of a minor's body engaged in sexually explicit conduct;
- 17 (ix) Transmitting, making, selling, buying, or disseminating by means of a computer
18 any descriptive or identifying information regarding a child for the purpose of
19 offering or soliciting sexual conduct of or with a child or the visual depicting of such
20 conduct;
- 21 (x) Conspiracy to transport, ship, receive, or distribute visual depictions of minors
22 engaged in sexually explicit conduct; or
- 23 (xi) Any conduct which, by its nature, is a sexual offense against a minor.

24 (10)(A) 'Dangerous sexual offense' with respect to convictions occurring after June 30,
25 2006, means any criminal offense under Title 16 as specified in this paragraph or any
26 offense under federal law or the laws of another state or territory of the United States
27 which consists of the same or similar elements of the following offenses:

- 28 (i) Aggravated assault with the intent to rape in violation of Code Section 16-5-2;
- 29 (ii) Kidnapping in violation of Code Section 16-5-40 which involves a victim who
30 is less than 14 years of age, except by a parent;
- 31 (iii) False imprisonment in violation of Code Section 16-5-41 which involves a
32 victim who is less than 14 years of age, except by a parent;
- 33 (iv) Rape in violation of Code Section 16-6-1;
- 34 (v) Sodomy in violation of Code Section 16-6-2;
- 35 (vi) Aggravated sodomy in violation of Code Section 16-6-2;
- 36 (vii) Statutory rape in violation of Code Section 16-6-3, if the individual convicted
37 of the offense is 21 years of age or older;

- 1 (viii) Child molestation in violation of Code Section 16-6-4;
- 2 (ix) Aggravated child molestation in violation of Code Section 16-6-4, unless the
- 3 person was convicted of a misdemeanor offense;
- 4 (x) Enticing a child for indecent purposes in violation of Code Section 16-6-5;
- 5 (xi) Sexual assault against persons in custody in violation of Code Section 16-6-5.1;
- 6 (xii) Incest in violation of Code Section 16-6-22;
- 7 (xiii) A second conviction for sexual battery in violation of Code Section 16-6-22.1;
- 8 (xiv) Aggravated sexual battery in violation of Code Section 16-6-23;
- 9 (xv) Sexual exploitation of children in violation of Code Section 16-12-100;
- 10 (xvi) Electronically furnishing obscene material to minors in violation of Code
- 11 Section 16-12-100.1;
- 12 (xvii) Computer pornography and child exploitation prevention in violation of Code
- 13 Section 16-12-100.2;
- 14 (xviii) Obscene telephone contact in violation of Code Section 16-12-100.3; or
- 15 (xix) Any conduct which, by its nature, is a sexual offense against a minor or an
- 16 attempt to commit a sexual offense against a minor.

17 (B) For purposes of this paragraph, conduct which is prosecuted in juvenile court shall
18 not be considered a dangerous sexual offense.

19 (11) 'Institution of higher education' means a private or public community college, state
20 university, state college, or independent postsecondary institution.

21 (12) 'Level I risk assessment classification' means the sexual offender is a low sex
22 offense risk and low general recidivism risk.

23 (13) 'Level II risk assessment classification' means the sexual offender is an intermediate
24 sex offense risk and intermediate general recidivism risk and includes all sexual offenders
25 who do not meet the criteria for classification either as a sexually dangerous predator or
26 for Level I risk assessment.

27 (14) 'Minor' means any individual under the age of 18 years and any individual that the
28 sexual offender believed at the time of the offense was under the age of 18 years if such
29 individual was the victim of an offense.

30 (15) 'Required registration information' means:

31 (A) Name; social security number; age; race; sex; date of birth; height; weight; hair
32 color, eye color, fingerprints; and photograph;

33 (B) Address of any permanent residence and address of any current temporary
34 residence, within the state or out of state, and, if applicable in addition to the address,
35 a rural route address and a post office box;

- 1 (C) If the place of residence is a motor vehicle or trailer, provide the vehicle
2 identification number, the license tag number, and a description, including color
3 scheme, of the motor vehicle or trailer;
- 4 (D) If the place of residence is a mobile home, provide the mobile home location
5 permit number; the name and address of the owner of the home; a description, including
6 the color scheme of the mobile home; and, if applicable, a description of where the
7 mobile home is located on the property;
- 8 (E) If the place of residence is a manufactured home, provide the title number assigned
9 to the home; the name and address of the owner of the home; a description, including
10 the color scheme of the manufactured home; and, if applicable, a description of where
11 the manufactured home is located on the property.
- 12 (F) If the place of residence is a vessel, live-aboard vessel, or houseboat, provide the
13 hull identification number; the manufacturer's serial number; the name of the vessel,
14 live-aboard vessel, or houseboat; the registration number; and a description, including
15 color scheme, of the vessel, live-aboard vessel, or houseboat;
- 16 (G) Date of employment, place of any employment, and address of employer;
- 17 (H) Place of vocation and address of the place of vocation;
- 18 (I) Vehicle make, model, color, and license tag number;
- 19 (J) If enrolled, employed, or carrying on a vocation at an institution of higher education
20 in this state, the name, address, and county of each institution, including each campus
21 attended, and enrollment or employment status; and
- 22 (K) The name of the crime or crimes for which the sexual offender is registering and
23 the date released from prison or placed on probation, parole, or supervised release.

24 (16) 'Risk assessment classification' means the notification level into which a sexual
25 offender is placed based on the board's assessment.

26 (17) 'School' means all public and private kindergarten, elementary, and secondary
27 schools.

28 (18) 'Sexual offender' means any individual:

29 (A) Who has been convicted of a criminal offense against a victim who is a minor or
30 any dangerous sexual offense; or

31 (B) Who has been convicted under the laws of another state or territory, under the laws
32 of the United States, under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, or in a tribal court of
33 a criminal offense against a victim who is a minor or a dangerous sexual offense.

34 (19) 'Sexually dangerous predator' means a sexual offender:

35 (A) Who was designated as a sexually violent offender between July 1, 1996, and June
36 30, 2006; or

1 (B) Who has been convicted on or after July 1, 2006, of a dangerous sexual offense;
2 and
3 who is determined by the Sexual Offender Registration Review Board to be at risk of
4 perpetrating any future dangerous sexual offense.

5 (20) 'Vocation' means any full-time, part-time, or volunteer employment with or without
6 compensation exceeding 14 consecutive days or for an aggregate period of time
7 exceeding 30 days during any calendar year.

8 (b) Before a sexual offender who is required to register under this Code section is released
9 from prison or placed on parole, supervised release, or probation, the appropriate official
10 shall:

11 (1) Inform the sexual offender of the obligation to register, the amount of the registration
12 fee, and how to maintain registration;

13 (2) Obtain the information necessary for the required registration information;

14 (3) Inform the sexual offender that, if the sexual offender changes any of the required
15 registration information, other than residence address, the sexual offender shall give the
16 new information to the sheriff of the county with whom the sexual offender is registered
17 within 72 hours of the change of information; if the information is the sexual offender's
18 new residence address, the sexual offender shall give the information to the sheriff of the
19 county with whom the sexual offender last registered not sooner than 72 hours before
20 moving and to the sheriff of the county to which the sexual offender is moving not later
21 than 72 hours after the change of information;

22 (4) Inform the sexual offender that he or she shall also register in any state where he or
23 she is employed, carries on a vocation, or is a student;

24 (5) Inform the sexual offender that, if he or she changes residence to another state, the
25 sexual offender shall register the new address with the sheriff of the county with whom
26 the sexual offender last registered, and that the sexual offender shall also register with a
27 designated law enforcement agency in the new state not later than 72 hours after
28 establishing residence in the new state;

29 (6) Obtain current fingerprints and a photograph of the sexual offender;

30 (7) Require the sexual offender to read and sign a form stating that the obligations of the
31 sexual offender have been explained;

32 (8) Obtain and forward any information obtained from the clerk of court pursuant to
33 Code Section 42-5-50 to the sheriff's office of the county in which the sexual offender
34 will reside; and

35 (9) If required by Code Section 42-1-14, place any required electronic monitoring device
36 on the sexually dangerous predator and explain its operation and cost.

37 (c) The Department of Corrections shall:

1 (1) Forward to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation a copy of the form stating that the
2 obligations of the sexual offender have been explained;

3 (2) Forward any required registration information to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation;

4 (3) Forward the sexual offender's fingerprints and photograph to the sheriff's office of
5 the county where the sexual offender is going to reside;

6 (4) Inform the board and the prosecuting attorney for the jurisdiction in which a sexual
7 offender was convicted of the impending release of a sexual offender at least eight
8 months prior to such release so as to facilitate compliance with Code Section 42-1-14;
9 and

10 (5) Keep all records of sexual offenders in a secure facility until official proof of death
11 of a registered sexual offender and thereafter the records shall be destroyed in accordance
12 with Code Sections 15-1-10, 15-6-62, and 15-6-62.1.

13 (d) No sexual offender shall be released from prison or placed on parole, supervised
14 release, or probation until:

15 (1) The appropriate official has provided the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the
16 sheriff's office in the county where the sexual offender will be residing with the sexual
17 offender's required registration information and risk assessment classification level; and

18 (2) The sexual offender's name has been added to the list of sexual offenders maintained
19 by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the sheriff's office as required by this Code
20 section.

21 (e) Registration pursuant to this Code section shall be required by any individual who:

22 (1) Is convicted on or after July 1, 1996, of a criminal offense against a victim who is a
23 minor;

24 (2) Is convicted on or after July 1, 2006, of a dangerous sexual offense;

25 (3) Has previously been convicted of a criminal offense against a minor and may be
26 released from prison or placed on parole, supervised release, or probation on or after July
27 1, 1996;

28 (4) Has previously been convicted of a sexually violent offense and may be released
29 from prison or placed on parole, supervised release, or probation;

30 (5) Is a resident of Georgia who intends to reside in this state and who is convicted under
31 the laws of another state or the United States, under the Uniform Code of Military Justice,
32 or in a tribal court of a sexually violent offense, a criminal offense against a victim who
33 is a minor on or after July 1, 1999, or a dangerous sexual offense on or after July 1, 2006;

34 (6) Is a nonresident sexual offender who changes residence from another state or territory
35 of the United States to Georgia who is required to register as a sexual offender under
36 federal law, military law, tribal law, or the laws of another state or territory, regardless
37 of when the conviction occurred;

1 (7) Is a nonresident sexual offender who enters this state for the purpose of employment
2 for a period exceeding 14 consecutive days or for an aggregate period of time exceeding
3 30 days during any calendar year regardless of whether such sexual offender is required
4 to register under federal law, military law, tribal law, or the laws of another state or
5 territory; or

6 (8) Is a nonresident sexual offender who enters this state for the purpose of attending
7 school as a full-time or part-time student regardless of whether such sexual offender is
8 required to register under federal law, military law, tribal law, or the laws of another state
9 or territory.

10 (f) Any sexual offender required to register under this Code section shall:

11 (1) Provide the required registration information to the appropriate official before being
12 released from prison or placed on parole, supervised release, or probation;

13 (2) Register with the sheriff of the county in which the sexual offender resides within 72
14 hours after the sexual offender's release from prison or placement on parole, supervised
15 release, probation, or entry into this state;

16 (3) Maintain the required registration information with the sheriff of the county in which
17 the sexual offender resides;

18 (4) Renew the required registration information with the sheriff of the county in which
19 the sexual offender resides by reporting to the sheriff within 72 hours of such offender's
20 birthday each year to be photographed and fingerprinted;

21 (5) Update the required registration information with the sheriff of the county in which
22 the sexual offender resides within 72 hours of any change to the required registration
23 information, other than residence address; if the information is the sexual offender's new
24 residence address, the sexual offender shall give the information to the sheriff of the
25 county with whom the sexual offender last registered no sooner than 72 hours before any
26 change of residence address and to the sheriff of the county to which the sexual offender
27 is moving;

28 (6) If convicted of a dangerous sexual offense on or after July 1, 2006, pay to the sheriff
29 of the county where the sexual offender resides an annual registration fee of \$250.00
30 upon each anniversary of such registration; and

31 (7) Continue to comply with the registration requirements of this Code section for the
32 entire life of the sexual offender, including ensuing periods of incarceration.

33 (g)(1) The appropriate official or sheriff shall, within 72 hours after receipt of the
34 required registration information, forward such information to the Georgia Bureau of
35 Investigation. Once the data is entered into the Criminal Justice Information System by
36 the appropriate official or sheriff, the Georgia Crime Information Center shall notify the
37 sheriff of the sexual offender's county of residence, either permanent or temporary, the

1 sheriff of the county of employment, and the sheriff of the county where the sexual
2 offender attends an institution of higher education within 24 hours of entering the data
3 or any change to the data.

4 (2) The Georgia Bureau of Investigation shall:

5 (A) Transmit all information, including the conviction data and fingerprints, to the
6 Federal Bureau of Investigation within 24 hours of entering the data;

7 (B) Establish operating policies and procedures concerning record ownership, quality,
8 verification, modification, and cancellation; and

9 (C) Perform mail out and verification duties as follows:

10 (i) Send each month Criminal Justice Information System network messages to
11 sheriffs listing sexual offenders due for verification;

12 (ii) Create a photo image file from original entries and provide such entries to sheriffs
13 to assist in sexual offender identification and verification;

14 (iii) Mail a nonforwardable verification form to the last reported address of the sexual
15 offender prior to the sexual offender's birthday;

16 (iv) If the sexual offender changes residence to another state, notify the law
17 enforcement agency with which the sexual offender shall register in the new state; and

18 (v) Maintain records required under this Code section.

19 (h) The sheriff's office in each county shall:

20 (1) Prepare and maintain a list of all sexual offenders and sexually dangerous predators
21 residing in each county. Such list shall include the sexual offender's name; age; physical
22 description; address; crime of conviction, including conviction date and the jurisdiction
23 of the conviction; photograph; and the risk assessment classification level provided by
24 the board, and an explanation of how the board classifies sexual offenders and sexually
25 dangerous predators;

26 (2) Electronically submit and update all information provided by the sexual offender
27 within two working days to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation in a manner prescribed
28 by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation;

29 (3) Maintain and post a list of every sexual offender residing in each county:

30 (A) In the sheriff's office;

31 (B) In any county administrative building;

32 (C) In the main administrative building for any municipal corporation;

33 (D) In the office of the clerk of the superior court so that such list is available to the
34 public; and

35 (E) On a website maintained by the sheriff of the county for the posting of general
36 information;

- (4) Update the public notices required by paragraph (3) of this Code section within two working days;
- (5) Inform the public of the presence of sexual offenders in each community;
- (6) Update the list of sexual offenders residing in the county upon receipt of new information affecting the residence address of a sexual offender or upon the registration of a sexual offender moving into the county by virtue of release from prison, relocation from another county, conviction in another state, federal court, military tribunal, or tribal court. Such list, and any additions to such list, shall be delivered immediately to all schools or institutions of higher education located in the county;
- (7) Within 72 hours of the receipt of changed required registration information, notify the Georgia Bureau of Investigation through the Criminal Justice Information System of each change of information;
- (8) Retain the verification form stating that the sexual offender still resides at the address last reported;
- (9) Enforce the criminal provisions of this Code section. The sheriff may request the assistance of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation to enforce the provisions of this Code section;
- (10) Cooperate and communicate with other sheriffs' offices in this state and in the United States to maintain current data on the location of sexual offenders;
- (11) Determine the appropriate time of day for reporting by sexual offenders, which shall be consistent with the reporting requirements of this Code section;
- (12) If required by Code Section 42-1-14, place any electronic monitoring device on the sexually dangerous predator and explain its operation and cost;
- (13) Provide current information on names and addresses of all registered sexual offenders to campus police with jurisdiction for the campus of an institution of higher education if the campus is within the sheriff's jurisdiction; and
- (14) Collect the annual \$250.00 registration fee from the sexual offender and transmit such fees to the state for deposit into the General Fund.
 - (i)(1) The sheriff of the county where the sexual offender resides or last registered shall be the primary law enforcement official charged with communicating the whereabouts of the sexual offender and any changes in required registration information to the sheriff's office of the county or counties where the sexual offender is employed, volunteers, attends an institution of higher education, or moves.
 - (2) The sheriff's office may post the list of sexual offenders in any public building in addition to those locations enumerated in subsection (h) of this Code section.
- (j) The Georgia Crime Information Center shall create the Criminal Justice Information System network transaction screens by which appropriate officials shall enter original data

1 required by this Code section. Screens shall also be created for sheriffs' offices for the
2 entry of record confirmation data; employment; changes of residence, institutions of higher
3 education, or employment; or other pertinent data to assist in sexual offender identification.

4 (k)(1) On at least an annual basis, the Department of Education shall obtain from the
5 Georgia Bureau of Investigation a complete list of the names and addresses of all
6 registered sexual offenders and shall send such list, accompanied by a hold harmless
7 provision, to each school in this state. In addition, the Department of Education shall
8 provide information to each school in this state on accessing and retrieving from the
9 Georgia Bureau of Investigation's website a list of the names and addresses of all
10 registered sexual offenders.

11 (2) On at least an annual basis, the Department of Early Care and Learning shall provide
12 current information to all child care programs regulated pursuant to Code Section
13 20-1A-10 on accessing and retrieving from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's website
14 a list of the names and addresses of all registered sexual offenders and shall include, on
15 a continuing basis, such information with each application for licensure, commissioning,
16 or registration for early care and education programs.

17 (3) On at least an annual basis, the Department of Human Resources shall provide
18 current information to all day-care, group day-care, and family day-care programs
19 regulated pursuant to Code Section 49-5-12 and to all long-term facilities for children on
20 accessing and retrieving from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's website a list of the
21 names and addresses of all registered sexual offenders.

22 (l) Within ten days of the filing of a defendant's discharge and exoneration of guilt
23 pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of this title, the clerk of court shall transmit the order of
24 discharge and exoneration to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and any sheriff
25 maintaining records required under this Code section.

26 (m) Any individual who:

27 (1) Is required to register under this Code section and who fails to comply with the
28 requirements of this Code section;

29 (2) Provides false information; or

30 (3) Fails to respond directly to the sheriff within 72 hours of such individual's birthday
31 shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than ten nor
32 more than 30 years; provided, however, that upon the conviction of the second offense
33 under this subsection, the defendant shall be punished by imprisonment for life.

34 (n) The information collected pursuant to this Code section shall be treated as private data
35 except that:

36 (1) Such information may be disclosed to law enforcement agencies for law enforcement
37 purposes;

1 (2) Such information may be disclosed to government agencies conducting confidential
2 background checks; and

3 (3) The Georgia Bureau of Investigation or any sheriff maintaining records required
4 under this Code section shall, in addition to the requirements of this Code section to
5 inform the public of the presence of sexual offenders in each community, release such
6 other relevant information collected under this Code section that is necessary to protect
7 the public concerning sexual offenders required to register under this Code section,
8 except that the identity of a victim of an offense that requires registration under this Code
9 section shall not be released.

10 (o) The Board of Public Safety is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary
11 for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Georgia Crime Information Center to
12 implement and carry out the provisions of this Code section.

13 (p) Law enforcement agencies, employees of law enforcement agencies, and state officials
14 shall be immune from liability for good faith conduct under this article.

15 42-1-13.

16 (a) The Sexual Offender Registration Review Board shall be composed of three
17 professionals licensed under Title 43 and knowledgeable in the field of the behavior and
18 treatment of sexual offenders; at least one representative from a victims' rights advocacy
19 group or agency; and at least two representatives from law enforcement, each of whom is
20 either employed by a law enforcement agency as a certified peace officer under Title 35
21 or retired from such employment. The members of the board shall be appointed by the
22 commissioner of human resources for terms of four years. On and after July 1, 2006,
23 successors to the members of the board shall be appointed by the Governor. Members of
24 the board shall take office on the first day of September immediately following the expired
25 term of that office and shall serve for a term of four years and until the appointment of their
26 respective successors. No member shall serve on the board more than two consecutive
27 terms. Vacancies occurring on the board, other than those caused by expiration of a term
28 of office, shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment to the position
29 vacated for the remainder of the unexpired term and until a successor is appointed.
30 Members shall be entitled to an expense allowance and travel cost reimbursement the same
31 as members of certain other boards and commissions as provided in Code Section 45-7-21.

32 (b) The board shall be attached to the Department of Human Resources for administrative
33 purposes and, provided there is adequate funding, shall:

34 (1) Exercise its quasi-judicial, rule-making, or policy-making functions independently
35 of the department and without approval or control of the department;

- 1 (2) Prepare its budget, if any, and submit its budgetary requests, if any, through the
2 department; and
- 3 (3) Hire its own personnel if authorized by the Constitution of this state or by statute or
4 if the General Assembly provides or authorizes the expenditure of funds therefor.
- 5 (c) Members of the board shall be immune from liability for good faith conduct under this
6 article.

7 42-1-14.

8 (a) The board shall determine the likelihood that a sexual offender will engage in another
9 crime against a victim who is a minor or a dangerous sexual offense. The board shall make
10 such determination for any sexual offender convicted on or after July 1, 2006, of a criminal
11 act against a minor or a dangerous sexual offense and for any sexual offender incarcerated
12 on July 1, 2006, but convicted prior to July 1, 2006, of a criminal act against a minor. A
13 sexual offender shall be placed into Level I risk assessment classification, Level II risk
14 assessment classification, or sexually dangerous predator classification based upon the
15 board's assessment criteria and information obtained and reviewed by the board. The
16 sexual offender may provide the board with information including, but not limited to,
17 psychological evaluations, sexual history polygraph information, treatment history,
18 personal, social, educational, and work history, and may agree to submit to a psychosexual
19 evaluation or sexual history polygraph conducted by the board. If the sexual offender has
20 undergone treatment through the Department of Corrections, such treatment records shall
21 also be submitted to the board for evaluation. The prosecuting attorney shall provide the
22 board with any information available to assist the board in rendering an opinion, including,
23 but not limited to, criminal history and records related to previous criminal history. On and
24 after July 1, 2006, the clerk of court shall send a copy of the sexual offender's conviction
25 to the board and notify the board that a sexual offender's evaluation will need to be
26 performed. The board shall render its recommendation for risk assessment classification
27 within:

- 28 (1) Six months prior to the sexual offender's proposed release from confinement if the
29 offender is incarcerated; and
- 30 (2) Forty-five days of receipt of the required registration information if the sexual
31 offender has entered this state from another state and registered as a sexual offender.

32 The board shall send a copy of its risk assessment classification to the Department of
33 Corrections, sexual offender, and sentencing court, if applicable.

34 (b) If the sexual offender received a sentence of imprisonment and was sentenced for a
35 dangerous sexual offense on or after July 1, 2006, or if the sexual offender is incarcerated
36 on July 1, 2006, for a crime against a victim who is a minor, after receiving a

1 recommendation from the board that he or she be classified as a sexually dangerous
2 predator, the sexual offender may request that the sentencing court set a date to conduct a
3 hearing affording the sexual offender the opportunity to present testimony or evidence
4 relevant to the recommended classification. After the hearing and within 60 days of
5 receiving the report, the court shall issue a ruling as to whether or not the sexual offender
6 shall be classified as a sexually dangerous predator. If the court determines the sexual
7 offender to be a sexually dangerous predator, such fact shall be communicated in writing
8 to the appropriate official, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, and the sheriff of the
9 county where the sexual offender resides.

10 (c) Any sexual offender who changes residence from another state or territory of the
11 United States to this state and who is not designated as a sexually dangerous predator,
12 sexual predator, or a sexually violent predator shall have his or her required registration
13 information forwarded by the sheriff of his or her county of registration to the board for the
14 purpose of risk assessment classification. After receiving a recommendation from the
15 board that he or she be classified as a sexually dangerous predator, the sexual offender
16 may, within 30 days after the issuance of such classification, request a hearing before an
17 administrative law judge. Such hearing shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 13
18 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The decision of the administrative
19 law judge shall constitute the final decision of the board subject to the right of judicial
20 review in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50. If the final determination is that the
21 sexual offender is classified as a sexually dangerous predator, such fact shall be
22 communicated in writing to the appropriate official, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation,
23 and the sheriff of the county where the sexual offender resides.

24 (d) Any individual who was classified as a sexually violent predator prior to July 1, 2006,
25 shall be classified as a sexually dangerous predator on and after July 1, 2006.

26 (e) Any sexually dangerous predator shall be required to wear an electronic monitoring
27 device that shall have, at a minimum, the capacity to locate and record the location of the
28 sexually dangerous predator by a link to a global positioning satellite system, have
29 two-way voice communication capability, have an alarm at no less than 95 decibels that
30 can be remotely activated, and is automatically activated and broadcasts the sexually
31 dangerous predator's location if the monitor is removed or tampered with by anyone other
32 than a law enforcement official designated to maintain and remove or replace the monitor.
33 Such monitor shall be worn by a sexually dangerous predator for the remainder of his or
34 her natural life. The sexually dangerous predator shall pay the cost of such monitor to the
35 Department of Corrections if the sexually dangerous predator is on probation; to the Board
36 of Pardons and Paroles if the sexually dangerous predator is on parole; and to the sheriff
37 after the sexually dangerous predator completes his or her term of probation and parole or

1 if the sexually dangerous predator has moved to this state from another state, territory, or
2 country. The monitor shall be placed upon the sexually dangerous predator prior to his or
3 her release from confinement. If the sexual offender is not in custody, within 72 hours of
4 the decision classifying the sexual offender as a sexually dangerous predator by the court
5 in accordance with subsection (b) of this Code section or a final decision pursuant to
6 subsection (c) of this Code section, whichever applies to the sexual offender's situation,
7 the sexually dangerous predator shall report to the sheriff of the county of his or her
8 residence for purposes of having the monitor placed on the sexually dangerous predator.
9 (f) In addition to the requirements of registration for all sexual offenders, a sexually
10 dangerous predator shall report to the sheriff of the county where such predator resides six
11 months following his or her birth month and update or verify his or her required
12 registration information.

13 42-1-15.

14 (a) No individual required to register pursuant to Code Section 42-1-12 shall reside or
15 loiter within 1,000 feet of any child care facility, church, school, or area where minors
16 congregate. Such distance shall be determined by measuring from the outer boundary of
17 the property on which the individual resides to the outer boundary of the property of the
18 child care facility, church, school, or area where minors congregate at their closest points.

19 (b) No individual who is required to register under Code Section 42-1-12 shall be
20 employed by any child care facility, school, or church or by any business or entity that is
21 located within 1,000 feet of an area where minors congregate, a child care facility, a school,
22 or a church.

23 (c) Any sexual offender who knowingly violates the provisions of this Code section shall
24 be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than ten nor more
25 than 30 years.

26 (d) Nothing in this Code section shall create, either directly or indirectly, any civil cause
27 of action against or result in criminal prosecution of any person, firm, corporation,
28 partnership, trust, or association other than an individual required to be registered under
29 Code Section 42-1-12."

30 **SECTION 21.**

31 Said title is further amended by striking subsection (b) of Code Section 42-8-35, relating to
32 terms and conditions of probation, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

33 "(b) In determining the terms and conditions of probation for a probationer who has been
34 convicted of a criminal offense against a victim who is a minor or dangerous sexual offense

1 as ~~that phrase is those terms are~~ defined in subparagraph (a)(4)(B) of Code Section
2 42-1-12, the court may provide that the probationer shall be:

3 (1) Prohibited from entering or remaining present at a victim's school, place of
4 employment, place of residence, or other specified place at times when a victim is present
5 or from entering or remaining present in areas where minors congregate, child care
6 facilities, churches, or schools as those terms are defined in subsection (a) of Code
7 Section ~~42-1-13~~ 42-1-12;

8 (2) Required to wear a device capable of tracking the location of the probationer by
9 means including electronic surveillance or global positioning systems. ~~The Unless the~~
10 ~~probationer is indigent, the~~ department shall assess and collect fees from the probationer
11 for such monitoring at levels set by regulation by the department; and

12 (3) Prohibited from seeking election to a ~~Local Board of Education~~ local board of
13 education."

14 SECTION 22.

15 Said title is further amended by striking Code Section 42-8-60, relating to probation prior to
16 adjudication of guilt, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

17 "42-8-60.

18 (a) Upon a verdict or plea of guilty or a plea of nolo contendere, but before an adjudication
19 of guilt, in the case of a defendant who has not been previously convicted of a felony, the
20 court may, without entering a judgment of guilt and with the consent of the defendant:

21 (1) Defer further proceeding and place the defendant on probation as provided by law;
22 or

23 (2) Sentence the defendant to a term of confinement as provided by law.

24 (b) Upon violation by the defendant of the terms of probation, upon a conviction for
25 another crime during the period of probation, or upon the court determining that the
26 defendant is or was not eligible for sentencing under this article, the court may enter an
27 adjudication of guilt and proceed as otherwise provided by law. No person may avail
28 himself or herself of this article on more than one occasion.

29 (c) The court shall not sentence a defendant under the provisions of this article and, if
30 sentenced under the provisions of this article, shall not discharge the defendant upon
31 completion of the sentence unless the court has reviewed the defendant's criminal record
32 as such is on file with the Georgia Crime Information Center.

33 (d) The court shall not sentence a defendant under the provisions of this article who has
34 been found guilty of or entered a plea of guilty of a plea of nolo contendere for:

35 (1) A serious violent felony as such term is defined in Code Section 17-10-6.1;

36 (2) A sexual offense as such term is defined in Code Section 17-10-6.2;

- (3) Sexual exploitation of a minor as defined in Code Section 16-12-100;
- (4) Electronically furnishing obscene material to a minor as defined in Code Section 16-12-100.1;
- (5) Computer pornography and child exploitation, as defined in Code Section 16-12-100.2; or
- (6) Obscene telephone contact, as defined in Code Section 16-12-100.3."

SECTION 23.

Said title is further amended by striking in its entirety Code Section 42-9-44.1, relating to conditions of parole for sexual offenders, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"42-9-44.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'sexual offense' means a violation of Code Section 16-6-1, 16-6-2, 16-6-5.1, 16-6-22, or 16-6-22.2 when the victim was under 18 years of age at the time of the commission of the offense or a violation of Code Section 16-6-3, 16-6-4, or 16-6-5 when the victim was under 14 years of age at the time of the commission of the offense.

(b)(1) The board shall adopt rules providing that with respect to any person who has been convicted of a sexual offense, as a condition of parole, the offender shall be ordered to give notice of his or her name and address, the crime for which he or she was convicted, and the date of parole to:

(A) The superintendent of the public school district where the offender will reside; and
(B) The sheriff of the county wherein the offender will reside.

(2) The offender shall provide the notice and information required in paragraph (1) of this subsection within ten days of the release on parole or within ten days of setting up residency in the locale where the offender plans to have his or her domicile.

(c) Any sex offender who has been paroled and who moves his or her legal residence from one county within this state to another county within this state shall be required to provide the information and notice required in subsection (b) of this Code section with respect to his or her new residence within ten days after moving during the period of his or her parole.

(d) Any person who fails to comply with the requirements of this Code section or who provides false information shall, in the case of a person on parole, be in violation of such person's conditions of parole and shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(e) It shall be the duty of the sheriff of each county within this state to maintain a register of the names and addresses of all offenders providing information to the sheriff under this Code section. Such register shall be open to public inspection.

(f) The requirement that a sex offender provide notice and information pursuant to subsections (b) and (c) of this Code section shall terminate upon the offender's satisfactory completion of his or her terms of parole. Reserved."

SECTION 24.

Said title is further amended by striking in its entirety Code Section 42-9-44.2, relating to chemical treatment and counseling as a condition of parole for child molesters, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"42-9-44.2.

(a) The Board of Pardons and Paroles may in the exercise of its discretion in considering the grant of parole to a person who has been convicted of a second or subsequent offense of child molestation of a child who was 16 years of age or younger at the time of the offense or who has been convicted of a first offense of aggravated child molestation of a child who was 16 years of age or younger at the time of the offense require, as a condition of parole, that such person undergo medroxyprogesterone acetate treatment or its chemical equivalent. While undergoing such treatment, such person must participate in and pay for counseling currently available from a private or public provider of outpatient mental health services. No such treatment shall be administered until such person has consented thereto in writing.

(b) A person who is required to undergo medroxyprogesterone acetate treatment or its chemical equivalent and counseling as a condition of parole shall begin such treatment prior to his or her release from confinement in the state correctional institution or other institution, but additional treatment may continue after such defendant's release on parole until the defendant demonstrates to the board that such treatment is no longer necessary.

(c) The provision of treatment required as a condition of parole shall be administered by the State Board of Pardons and Paroles through licensed medical personnel employed by the defendant and approved by the board. Any physician or qualified mental health professional who acts in good faith in compliance with the provisions of this Code section in the administration of treatment or provision of counseling provided for in this Code section shall be immune from civil or criminal liability for his or her actions in connection with such treatment. The Department of Corrections shall permit access by such licensed medical personnel for such purpose to any person required to begin the treatment and counseling while confined in a facility of the department. The medical personnel utilized or approved by the board shall be required to inform the person about the effect of hormonal chemical treatment and any side effects that may result from it. A person subject to treatment under this Code section shall acknowledge in writing the receipt of this information. Reserved."

SECTION 25.

- 1 2 (a) This Act shall become effective July 1, 2006.
2 3 (b) Any person required to register pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 42-1-12,
3 4 relating to the state sexual offender registry, and any person required not to reside within
4 5 areas where minors congregate, as prohibited by Code Section 42-1-13, shall not be relieved
5 6 of the obligation to comply with the provisions of said Code sections by the repeal and
6 7 reenactment of said Code sections.
7 8 (c) The provisions of this Act shall not affect or abate the status as a crime of any such act
8 9 or omission which occurred prior to the effective date of the Act repealing, repealing and
9 10 reenacting, or amending such law, nor shall the prosecution of such crime be abated as a
10 11 result of such repeal, repeal and reenactment, or amendment.

SECTION 26.

- 12 13 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.