

House Bill 1304 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To provide the director of the pretrial release program for the Southern Judicial Circuit and  
2 such other members of the staff of such program as may be designated by the chief judge of  
3 such judicial circuit with arrest and certain other powers; to provide for related matters; to  
4 provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 The director of the pretrial release program for the Southern Judicial Circuit or any county  
8 within such circuit shall have the same power to make arrests; to execute and return all  
9 warrants, rules, orders, and processes of any kind; and to serve as a peace officer and perform  
10 the same duties as may be performed by a sheriff. Other staff members of the pretrial release  
11 program the chief judge of the Southern Judicial Circuit designates by order in his or her  
12 discretion as he or she shall deem necessary for the proper functioning of the pretrial release  
13 program shall have the same power to make arrests; to execute and return all warrants, rules,  
14 orders, and processes of any kind; and to serve as a peace officer and perform the same duties  
15 as may be performed by a sheriff.

16 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

17 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
18 without such approval.

19 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 3.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.