

House Bill 1066

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 42-2-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 additional duties of the commissioner of corrections, so as to authorize the chief of staff to
3 the commissioner to issue warrants for the arrest of an offender who has escaped from the
4 custody of the department; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for
5 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 42-2-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to additional duties
9 of the commissioner of corrections, is amended by revising subsection (c) as follows:

10 "(c) The commissioner and any person designated and serving in the position of his or her
11 chief of staff shall be authorized to issue a warrant for the arrest of an offender who has
12 escaped from the custody of the department upon probable cause to believe the offender
13 has violated Code Section 16-10-52, relating to escape from lawful confinement."

14 **SECTION 2.**

15 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2016, and shall apply to offenses committed on
16 or after such date.

17 **SECTION 3.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.