

ADOPTED

Senator Jeffares of the 17th and Mullis of the 53th offered the following amendment:

Amend the Senate committee substitute to HB 874 (LC 29 7087ERS) by replacing lines 1 through 4 with the following:

To amend Article 9 of Chapter 11 of Title 15, Title 16, Chapter 4 of Title 24, and Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to access to hearings and records, crimes and offenses, relevant evidence and its limits, and penal institutions, respectively, so as to improve the ability to prosecute street gang

By inserting after "matters;" on line 14 the following:
to provide for effective dates and applicability;

By replacing lines 164 through 165 with the following:

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

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

SECTION 8.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 42-5-18, relating to items prohibited for possession by inmates, as follows:

By replacing line 177 with the following:

SECTION 9.

Section 7 of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2016, and shall apply to offenses committed on or after such date. All other sections of this Act shall become effective upon approval by the Governor or upon becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 10.