

**ADOPTED**

Representative Powell of the 32<sup>nd</sup> offers the following amendment:

1 *Amend the House committee substitute to SB 270 (LC 41 0821S) by replacing lines 14*  
 2 *through 16 with the following:*

3 amend Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penal institutions, so  
 4 as to authorize the chief of staff to the commissioner to issue warrants for the arrest of an  
 5 offender who has escaped from the custody of the department; to provide for the retention  
 6 of badges and weapons by certain employees of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles; to  
 7 revise the application fee paid to the Department of Community Supervision or the State  
 8 Board of Pardons and Paroles by nonindigent adult offenders when applying to transfer  
 9 supervision to any other state or territory; to amend Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the Official Code  
 10 of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding torts, so as to provide for civil  
 11 immunity of firearm instructors; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates  
 12 and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

13 *By inserting between lines 190 and 191 the following:*

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

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

21 **SECTION 8.**

22 Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 42-9-9, relating to board employees,  
 23 as follows:

24 "42-9-9.

25 (a) The board may appoint such clerical, stenographic, supervisory, and expert assistants  
 26 and may establish such qualifications for its employees as it deems necessary. In its  
 27 discretion, the board may discharge such employees.

28 (b) An employee leaving the service of the board under honorable conditions who has  
 29 accumulated 20 or more years of service with the board, or 20 or more years of combined  
 30 service as a parole officer with the board, a probation officer or supervisor with the  
 31 Department of Corrections, or a community supervision officer with the department, shall

32 be entitled as part of such employee's compensation to retain his or her board issued  
 33 weapon and badge.

34 (c)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'disability' means a disability that prevents an  
 35 individual from working as a parole officer.

36 (2) When a parole officer leaves the employment of the board as a result of a disability  
 37 arising in the line of duty, such parole officer shall be entitled as part of such parole  
 38 officer's compensation to retain his or her weapon and badge in accordance with rules and  
 39 regulations promulgated by the board.

40 (d) A parole officer killed in the line of duty shall be entitled to have his or her board  
 41 issued badge given to a surviving family member.

42 (e) The board shall be authorized to promulgate rules and regulations for the  
 43 implementation of this Code section."

#### 44 **SECTION 9.**

45 Said title is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 42-9-90, relating to  
 46 application fee required for transfer consideration, as follows:

47 "(b) The department and the State Board of Pardons and Paroles shall be authorized to  
 48 require any nonindigent adult offender to pay a ~~\$25.00~~ \$100.00 application fee when  
 49 applying to transfer his or her supervision from Georgia to any other state or territory  
 50 pursuant to the provisions of Articles 3 and 4 of this chapter."

#### 51 **SECTION 10.**

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

#### 55 **SECTION 11.**

56 *By redesignating Section 8 as Section 12.*