

Senate Bill 218

By: Senators Rhett of the 33rd, Albers of the 56th, Jones II of the 22nd, Robertson of the 29th, Seay of the 34th and others

AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to identification cards for persons without drivers' licenses, so as to provide for the
3 issuance of identification cards to persons completing a term of incarceration; to provide that
4 the Department of Corrections share identifying information with the Department of Driver
5 Services; to provide for assistance by the Department of Corrections in obtaining required
6 documentation for the issuance of a personal identification card; to amend Article 2 of
7 Chapter 9 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to grants of
8 pardons, paroles, and other relief, so as to provide consent for the release of certain criminal
9 history, vocational, and educational information to inmates upon release; to provide for
10 issuance of a personal identification card and a Program and Treatment Completion
11 Certificate; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

12 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

13 **SECTION 1.**

14 Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
15 identification cards for persons without drivers' licenses, is amended by adding a new Code
16 section to read as follows:

17 "40-5-107.

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18 (a) The Department of Driver Services, in coordination with the Department of
19 Corrections, may issue a personal identification card to any resident of this state lacking
20 a personal identification card upon the completion of a term of incarceration in any prison
21 or detention facility of this state or its departments, agencies, or political subdivisions and
22 upon submission of the documentation required by Code Section 40-5-100.

23 (b) The Department of Corrections may provide to the department copies of any
24 documentation in its possession required for issuance of a personal identification card
25 pursuant to Code Section 40-5-100. The Department of Corrections may provide an
26 incarcerated person with information on the documentation required to obtain a personal
27 identification card pursuant to Code Section 40-5-100 and may assist such person in
28 making requests for official copies of such required documentation."

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SECTION 2.

30 Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
31 grants of pardons, paroles, and other relief, is amended in Code Section 42-9-44, relating to
32 terms and conditions of parole, adoption of general and special rules, violation of parole, and
33 certain parolees or releasees to obtain high school diploma or state approved high school
34 equivalency (HSE) diploma, by adding two new subsections to read as follows:

35 "(c) When a person is released from confinement from the Department of Corrections, the
36 department shall issue to such releasee, with his or her consent, documents pertaining to:

37 (1) The releasee's program history, including:

38 (A) Whether the releasee completed training requested by the board;

39 (B) Whether the releasee completed programs recommended by the department;

40 (C) Whether the releasee obtained a state approved high school equivalency (HSE)
41 diploma or other educational degree while incarcerated; and

42 (D) The releasee's institutional work record, including skills obtained through any job
43 training; and

44 (2) Other information considered relevant by the department.
45 (d) When a person is released from confinement from the Department of Corrections, the
46 department may, in conjunction with the Department of Driver Services, issue such
47 releasee a personal identification card pursuant to Code Section 40-5-107. The department
48 may also issue a Program and Treatment Completion Certificate, if such releasee is
49 eligible."

50 **SECTION 3.**

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