

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to HB 1247:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to grants of pardons, paroles, and other relief, so as to provide that the State Board
3 of Pardons and Paroles shall not grant an application for pardon or parole solely based on
4 immigration status or citizenship; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date;
5 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 grants of pardons, paroles, and other relief, is amended in Code Section 42-9-43.1, relating
10 to citizenship status of prisoner and deportation, by adding a new subsection to read as
11 follows:

12 "(e) The immigration status or citizenship of an inmate shall not be the sole basis for
13 granting an application for pardon or parole."

14 **SECTION 2.**

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

17 **SECTION 3.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.