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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Under existing law, an arrest warrant may be  
6 served by any law enforcement officer within this  
7 state.

8 This bill would require the Department of  
9 Corrections to check for any outstanding warrants for  
10 an inmate under its supervision under certain  
11 conditions and would require the department to serve  
12 the inmate with the warrant.

13 This bill would require that if a hearing is  
14 held pursuant to a required warrant check, the hearing  
15 would be required to be held virtually from the prison,  
16 subject to certain conditions.

17 This bill would also require the Board of  
18 Pardons and Paroles to check for any outstanding  
19 warrants and provide various notifications when an  
20 inmate is considered for parole.

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23 A BILL  
24 TO BE ENTITLED  
25 AN ACT  
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27 Relating to arrest warrant procedures; to further  
28 provide for the duties of the Department of Corrections to



include checks for outstanding warrants under certain conditions; to require court hearings to be held virtually for inmates under certain circumstances; and to further provide for the duties of the Board of Pardons and Paroles to include checks for outstanding warrants of an inmate considered for parole.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) The Department of Corrections shall check the database maintained by the National Crime Information Center for any outstanding warrants issued for an inmate at each of the following points:

(1) During the intake process.

(2) Upon consideration of the inmate for any work release program.

(3) Prior to the release of the inmate into the supervision of the Board of Pardons and Paroles.

(4) If the inmate is still in the custody of the department, 90 days prior to the inmate's release at the end of his or her sentence.

(b) When a search required by subsection (a) indicates that an outstanding warrant exists, the department shall notify the issuing court, agency, district attorney, or municipal prosecutor as to the whereabouts of the inmate.

(c) The department shall cooperate as necessary to ensure that any outstanding warrant for an inmate in its physical custody is served.

(d) In the event it is technically possible, the department shall cooperate so that any hearing required from



the service of an arrest warrant under this section shall be held pursuant to Section 15-26-1, Code of Alabama 1975, and the inmate shall not be required to be physically brought before the judge or magistrate.

(e) Nothing in this section shall require the department to transport an inmate for any proceeding required as a result of a warrant served while the inmate is in the custody of the department.

Section 2. (a) The Board of Pardons and Paroles shall check the database maintained by the National Crime Information Center for any outstanding warrants issued for an inmate when an inmate is considered for parole.

(b) When a search required by subsection (a) indicates that an outstanding warrant exists, the board shall notify the issuing court, agency, district attorney, or municipal prosecutor as to the whereabouts of the inmate.

Section 3. This act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.