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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to arrest warrant procedures; to further 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; to require notification to the department of the issuance of a warrant or indictment of an inmate in its physical custody; 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) If the inmate is still in the physical custody of the department, 90 days prior to the inmate's release at the



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29 end of his or her sentence.

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

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

37 (d) In the event it is technically possible, the
38 department shall cooperate so that any hearing required from
39 the service of an arrest warrant under this section shall be
40 held pursuant to Section 15-26-1, Code of Alabama 1975, and
41 the inmate shall not be required to be physically brought
42 before the judge or magistrate.

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

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

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

55 **Section 3. (a) A law enforcement agency that issues an**
56 **arrest warrant or obtains a grand jury indictment for an**



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57 inmate who is in the physical custody of the Department of
58 Corrections shall notify the department of the issuance of the
59 warrant or indictment within 30 days.

60 (b) The law enforcement agency responsible for service
61 of the warrant shall provide the department with a copy of the
62 executed warrant and any related bonding documentation and
63 shall update the National Crime Information Center upon
64 execution of the warrant to prevent the erroneous release of
65 the inmate.

66 Section 4. This act shall become effective on January
67 1, 2027.