

**SB240 INTRODUCED**



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3 By Senator Barfoot  
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## 4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Under existing law, an inmate may not attend his  
6 or her parole hearing.7 This bill would allow an inmate to attend his or  
8 her parole hearing by telephone, video conference, or  
9 any other similar communications system and would  
10 provide parameters for the remote parole hearings.

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13 A BILL

14 TO BE ENTITLED

15 AN ACT

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17 Relating to paroles; to provide that an inmate may  
18 attend his or her parole hearing remotely and provide  
19 parameters for remote parole hearings.

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

21 Section 1. (a) (1) The Board of Pardons and Paroles  
22 shall allow an inmate to participate in his or her parole  
23 hearing via telephone, video conference, or any other similar  
24 communications system that allows the inmate to interact with  
25 the members of the Board of Pardons and Paroles. The board  
shall give the victim, victim's family, and others  
representing the victim the option to see or hear the inmate's  
statement.



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42 (c) If the communications system fails or is in any way  
43 interrupted during a hearing, the board shall suspend the  
44 hearing until communication is reestablished.

45 (d) The board shall only provide access to the hearing  
46 to individuals permitted to speak pursuant to rules  
47 established by the board. Individuals authorized to speak may  
48 speak by telephone, video conference, or any other similar  
49 communications system. The board shall use video conferencing  
50 when that communications system is available; otherwise, the  
51 board may choose any other authorized communication method.

52                   Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
53   1, 2026.