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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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A BILL

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TO BE ENTITLED

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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

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

35 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

40 (1) During the intake process.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

73 Section 3. This act shall become effective on January
74 1, 2027.