

Senate passes bill to give \$1.2M to man wrongly imprisoned  
After spending more than two decades in prison, Willie Otis "Pete" Williams was freed after DNA tests showed he did not committ rape.

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A man who spent more than two decades in prison for a crime he didn't commit would get \$1.2 million from the state under a resolution that passed the Senate Wednesday.

Willie Otis "Pete" Williams, was freed from prison in January 2007 after DNA tests showed he didn't commit a rape for which he was imprisoned in 1985. Williams now works as house painter in an apartment complex. The resolution, HR 1078, would give him a 100,000 lump sum payment and the balance of the \$1.2 million in yearly payments over 20 years.



The resolution passed the House earlier this session. The Senate amended the resolution slightly and it now goes back to the House.

Willie O. 'Pete' Williams  
is released from Fulton  
County Jail and stands  
next to his mother Judy  
Beglar in 2007.