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To: Corrections;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2833

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-931, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO CONTRACT WITH
3 CHICKASAW COUNTY FOR A REGIONAL FACILITY TO HOUSE STATE INMATES;
4 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 SECTION 1. Section 47-5-931, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:[LR1]

8 47-5-931. (1) The Department of Corrections, in its
9 discretion, may contract with the board of supervisors of one or
10 more counties and/or with a regional facility jointly operated by
11 two (2) or three (3) counties, to provide for housing, care and
12 control of not more than two hundred fifty (250) offenders who are
13 in the custody of the State of Mississippi. Any facility owned or
14 leased by a county or counties for this purpose shall be designed,
15 constructed, operated and maintained in accordance with American
16 Correctional Association standards, and shall comply with all
17 constitutional standards of the United States and the State of
18 Mississippi, and with all court orders that may now or hereinafter
19 be applicable to the facility. If the Department of Corrections
20 contracts with more than one (1) county to house state offenders
21 in county correctional facilities, excluding a regional facility,
22 then the first of such facilities shall be constructed in Sharkey
23 County and the second of such facilities shall be constructed in
24 Jefferson County.

25 (2) The Department of Corrections shall contract with the
26 boards of supervisors of the following counties to house state
27 inmates in regional facilities: (a) Marion and Walthall Counties;

28 (b) Carroll and Montgomery Counties; (c) Stone and Pearl River
29 Counties; (d) Winston and Choctaw Counties; (e) Kemper and Neshoba
30 Counties; (f) Holmes County and any contiguous county in which
31 there is located an unapproved jail; * * * (g) Bolivar County and
32 any contiguous county in which there is located an unapproved
33 jail; and (h) Chickasaw County. The Department of Corrections may
34 contract with the boards of supervisors of the following counties
35 to house state inmates in regional facilities: (a) Yazoo County
36 and any contiguous county, (b) Chickasaw County; and (c) George
37 and Greene Counties. The Department of Corrections shall decide
38 the order of priority of the counties listed in this subsection
39 with which it will contract for the housing of state inmates. For
40 the purposes of this subsection the term "unapproved jail" means
41 any jail that the local grand jury determines should be condemned
42 or has found to be of substandard condition or in need of
43 substantial repair or reconstruction.

44 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
45 and after July 1, 2000.