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To: Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2686

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 47-5-601 AND 47-5-603, MISSISSIPPI
2 CODE OF 1972, TO MANDATE DRUG TESTING OF CERTAIN INMATES BEFORE
3 AND AFTER RELEASE FROM PRISON; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 47-5-601, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 47-5-601. The Mississippi Department of Corrections is
8 authorized to establish a drug identification program and shall
9 have the power and duty to adopt rules not inconsistent with law
10 as it may deem proper and necessary with respect to the
11 establishment, administration and operation of the program. The
12 department shall test each inmate for alcohol and controlled
13 substances before release.

14 SECTION 2. Section 47-5-603, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
15 amended as follows:

16 47-5-603. Any offender on probation or released from a
17 facility of the Department of Corrections on parole, earned
18 probation or earned release who remains under the supervision of
19 the Department of Corrections or any offender who is incarcerated
20 in a state correctional facility shall be required to participate
21 in the Mississippi Department of Corrections drug identification
22 program. Participation by an offender would consist of submission
23 by the offender, from time to time and upon the request of a
24 parole or probation supervisor, or authorized personnel of the
25 department to any type of breath, saliva or urine chemical
26 analysis test, the purpose of which is to detect the possible

27 presence of alcohol or a substance prohibited or controlled by any
28 law of the State of Mississippi or the United States.

29 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from
30 and after July 1, 2001.