

By: Senator(s) Gordon

To: Corrections;  
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2906

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-931, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO AUTHORIZE THE CHICKASAW REGIONAL JAIL TO HOUSE FEMALE  
3 OFFENDERS; TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-933, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
4 ESTABLISH THE REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR HOUSING FEMALE OFFENDERS; AND  
5 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 47-5-931, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

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

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

29 (b) Carroll and Montgomery Counties; (c) Stone and Pearl River  
30 Counties; (d) Winston and Choctaw Counties; (e) Kemper and Neshoba  
31 Counties; (f) Holmes County and any contiguous county in which  
32 there is located an unapproved jail; and (g) Bolivar County and  
33 any contiguous county in which there is located an unapproved  
34 jail. The Department of Corrections may contract with the boards  
35 of supervisors of the following counties to house state inmates in  
36 regional facilities: (a) Yazoo County and any contiguous county;  
37 (b) Chickasaw County; and (c) George and Greene Counties. The  
38 Department of Corrections shall decide the order of priority of  
39 the counties listed in this subsection with which it will contract  
40 for the housing of state inmates. The facility for Chickasaw  
41 County may be a facility to house up to three hundred (300) female  
42 offenders. For the purposes of this subsection the term  
43 "unapproved jail" means any jail that the local grand jury  
44 determines should be condemned or has found to be of substandard  
45 condition or in need of substantial repair or reconstruction.

46 SECTION 2. Section 47-5-933, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
47 amended as follows:

48 47-5-933. The Department of Corrections may contract for the  
49 purposes set out in Section 47-5-931 for a period of not more than  
50 twenty (20) years. The contract may provide that the Department  
51 of Corrections pay a fee of up to Twenty-four Dollars and Ninety  
52 Cents (\$24.90) per day for each male offender that is housed in  
53 the facility. The contract may provide that the Department of  
54 Corrections pay a fee not to exceed Twenty-eight Dollars and Fifty  
55 Cents (\$28.50) for each female offender that is housed in a  
56 facility. The Department of Corrections may include in the  
57 contract, as an inflation factor, a three percent (3%) annual  
58 increase in the contract price. The state shall retain  
59 responsibility for medical care for state offenders to the extent  
60 that is required by law.

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