

By: Representative Fleming

To: Penitentiary

HOUSE BILL NO. 521

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-431, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE THAT A SHERIFF MAY TRANSPORT A COUNTY INMATE WHO  
3 POSSESSES A PARTICULAR SKILL TO ANY COUNTY WITHIN THE STATE TO  
4 MAKE USE OF THE PARTICULAR SKILL PURSUANT TO A COURT ORDER; AND  
5 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 47-5-431, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 47-5-431. (1) The sheriff may, in his discretion, use any  
10 person who has been convicted of a nonviolent felony and who is  
11 serving all or any part of his sentence in the county jail to pick  
12 up trash along public roads and state highways within the county.

13 (2) In addition, the sheriff may transport a county inmate  
14 possessing a particular work-related skill to any other county  
15 within the state to perform such skill on public property if  
16 approval for the transportation and use of the inmate is first  
17 obtained by a judge of the circuit or county court of the county  
18 where the inmate is confined and the sheriffs of both counties  
19 enter into an agreement regarding the transportation, supervision  
20 and safekeeping of the inmate.

21 (3) County inmates performing work under this section shall  
22 be eligible for earned time credit in the same manner as state  
23 inmates. State inmates shall be eligible for earned time credit  
24 in the same manner as other inmates confined or detained in state  
25 prisons or other state correctional facilities.

26 (4) Any inmate escaping while participating in the work  
27 described herein shall receive an additional five-year sentence.



28           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
29 and after July 1, 2002.

