

By: Representative Mitchell

To: Penitentiary;  
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 927

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-33-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REQUIRE EVERY OFFENDER COMMITTED TO THE CUSTODY OF THE  
3 MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO HAVE A BLOOD SAMPLE TAKEN  
4 FOR PURPOSES OF DNA IDENTIFICATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 45-33-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 45-33-15. (1) The Mississippi Crime Laboratory shall  
9 develop a plan for and establish a deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA)  
10 identification system. In implementing the plan, the Mississippi  
11 Crime Laboratory shall purchase the appropriate equipment. The  
12 DNA identification system \* \* \* shall be compatible with that  
13 utilized by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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15 (2) (a) \* \* \* Every individual convicted of a sex offense  
16 or in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections for  
17 a sex offense, as defined in Section 45-33-1, shall have a blood  
18 sample drawn for purposes of DNA identification analysis before  
19 release from or transfer to a state correctional facility or  
20 county jail or other detention facility.

21 (b) \* \* \* Any person having a duty to register under  
22 Section 45-33-1 for whom a DNA analysis is not already on file  
23 shall have a blood sample drawn for purposes of DNA identification  
24 analysis within five (5) working days after registration.

25 (c) From and after January 1, 2003, every offender  
26 placed in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections  
27 shall have a blood sample drawn for purposes of DNA identification  
28 analysis within ten (10) days of being committed to the



29 department. The DNA files shall be maintained by the Mississippi  
30 Crime Laboratory in accordance with the specific policies and  
31 procedures of the agency.

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

