HOUSE BILL NO. 971

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JUVENILE
REHABILITATION CENTER IN BROOKHAVEN, MISSISSIPPI; TO PROVIDE FOR
THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CENTER BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF
MENTAL HEALTH; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Juvenile Rehabilitation Center located
in Brookhaven, Mississippi, is recognized as now existing and
shall be for the care and treatment of persons with mental
retardation. The facility shall have the power to receive and
hold property, real, personal and mixed, as a body corporate. The
facility shall be under the direction and control of the State
Board of Mental Health.

(2) Admissions shall be according to Sections 41-21-61
through 41-21-107 and regulations promulgated by the Board of
Mental Health. The director may transfer any patient from one (1)
facility operated directly by the Department of Mental Health to
another as necessary for the welfare of that or any other patient.

(3) The Juvenile Rehabilitation Center is authorized to
establish and operate a school to meet the educational needs of
its clients.

(4) With funds provided by the Legislature, by direct
appropriation or authorized bond issue, with federal matching
funds, or with any other available funds, the Bureau of Building,
Grounds and Real Property Management may construct and equip the
necessary residential and service buildings and other facilities
to care for the residents of the Juvenile Rehabilitation Center.
The general design of the facility and all construction plans...
shall be approved and recommended by the State Department of Mental Health.

(5) The Juvenile Rehabilitation Center shall be administered by the State Board of Mental Health. Provisions relating to the admission and care of residents at the facility shall be promulgated by the Board.

(6) Persons admitted to the Juvenile Rehabilitation Center shall be assessed support and maintenance costs in accordance with the provisions of the state reimbursement laws as they apply to other state institutions.

(7) Any person who (a) knowingly and unlawfully or improperly causes a person to be adjudged mentally retarded, (b) procures the escape of a legally committed resident or knowingly conceals an escaped legally committed resident of the facility, or (c) unlawfully brings any firearm, deadly weapon or explosive into the facility or its grounds, or passes any thereof to a resident, employee or officer of the school, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than Fifty Dollars ($50.00), or more than Two Hundred Dollars ($200.00), imprisonment for not less than six (6) months, or both.

(8) The Juvenile Rehabilitation Center is designated as a state agency for carrying out the purposes of any act of the Congress of the United States, now existing or at any time hereafter enacted, pertaining to mental retardation.

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