

By: Senator(s) Smith

To: Corrections;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2332

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO CONDUCT
2 A PILOT PROGRAM FOR INTENSIVE AND COMPREHENSIVE ALCOHOL AND OTHER
3 DRUG TREATMENT FOR INMATES AT THE LAUDERDALE SPECIAL-NEEDS
4 FACILITY; TO PLACE CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS ON THE PROGRAM; TO REQUIRE
5 AFTER-CARE MONITORING, SERVICES AND TRANSITION PLAN FOR INMATES;
6 TO REQUIRE RECIDIVISM REPORTS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF THIS
7 ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Department of Corrections may establish
10 a five-year pilot program at the special-needs facility in
11 Lauderdale County to provide a two-hundred-fifty-bed unit
12 dedicated to an intensive and comprehensive alcohol and other drug
13 treatment program for inmates. The department shall establish
14 guidelines for the program consistent with the mission of public
15 safety. The program shall be a prison-based treatment program
16 designed to reduce substance abuse by inmates, correct
17 dysfunctional thinking and behavioral patterns, and prepare
18 inmates to make a successful and crime-free readjustment to the
19 community.

20 (2) (a) The department may contract with public, private or
21 nonprofit organizations to develop, operate and administer the
22 treatment program. If the department contracts for the private
23 operation of the program, the department shall reimburse the
24 private contractor at the per diem rate allowed regional
25 facilities under Section 47-5-933.

26 (b) An inmate who is within eighteen (18) months of his
27 earned release date or parole date may be placed in the program.

28 (3) The program shall consist, but is not limited to, the
29 following components:



30 (a) An assessment and placement component using a
31 recidivism needs assessment of the inmates;

32 (b) An intensive and comprehensive treatment and
33 rehabilitation component which addresses the specific drug or
34 alcohol problem of the inmate. This component shall include
35 relapse prevention strategies, anger management strategies and
36 regimented discipline strategies.

37 (c) An aftercare post-release component that has a
38 specific transition plan for each inmate. The transition plan
39 must address specific post-release needs such as employment,
40 housing, medical care, relapse prevention and treatment. The plan
41 shall require personnel to assist the inmate with these needs and
42 to assist in finding community-based programs for the inmate. The
43 plan shall require the inmate to be tracked in at least thirty-day
44 intervals to measure compliance with his established transition
45 plan.

46 (d) A monitoring assessment of recidivism containing
47 post-release history of substance abuse, breaches of trust,
48 arrests, convictions, employment, community functioning, and
49 marital and family interaction.

50 (4) The department shall file a report annually on the
51 program with specific data on recidivism of inmates including the
52 data required in subsection (3)(d).

53 (5) The program authorized under this section may be renewed
54 if it meets performance requirements as may be determined by the
55 Legislature.

56 (6) This section shall repeal on January 1, 2008.

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

