

By: Senator(s) Smith

To: Corrections

SENATE BILL NO. 2390

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A COUNCIL TO STUDY PREVENTION OF HEPATITIS
2 IN PRISONS AND PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES TO PERSONS WITH
3 HEPATITIS IN PRISON; TO PROVIDE FOR REPRESENTATIVES FROM STATE
4 AGENCIES TO BE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is hereby created an Interagency
7 Coordinating Council to study and to develop policies relating to
8 hepatitis in prisons.

9 (2) The council shall consist of one (1) representative from
10 each of the following agencies appointed by the executive director
11 or commissioner of each agency:

- 12 (a) Department of Corrections;
- 13 (b) Department of Health;
- 14 (c) Office of the Attorney General;
- 15 (d) University Medical Center; and
- 16 (e) Department of Human Services.

17 The representative from the Department of Corrections shall
18 serve as chairperson of the council.

19 (3) (a) The council shall meet at least once each quarter
20 on meeting dates set by the council. Each agency that has a
21 representative appointed to the council shall ensure that a
22 representative of the agency attends at least three (3) quarterly
23 meetings of the council each year.

24 (b) No member of the council shall receive per diem for
25 attending the meetings.

26 (4) The council shall:

- 27 (a) Coordinate communication among the member agencies
28 concerning each agency's programs in providing hepatitis services:



29 (b) Develop a plan that facilitates coordination of
30 agency programs for:

31 (i) Prevention of hepatitis; and

32 (ii) Provision of services to individuals who have
33 hepatitis in prisons.

34 (5) Not later than September 1 of each even-numbered year,
35 the council shall file a report with the Legislature and the
36 Governor containing policy recommendations relating to:

37 (a) Prevention of hepatitis in prisons;

38 (b) Delivery of health services to individuals who have
39 hepatitis in prison.

40 (6) The council shall establish advisory committees composed
41 of representatives from associations, consumer advocates and
42 regulatory agencies, boards or commissions as needed to assist in
43 carrying out its duties under this section.

44 (7) The Department of Corrections shall provide
45 administrative support to the council.

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

