

By: Senator(s) Smith

To: Corrections;  
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2432

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-23, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO CONTRACT FOR THE  
3 PRIVATE OPERATION OF THE PENITENTIARY AT PARCHMAN; AND FOR RELATED  
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 47-5-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 47-5-23. (1) The department shall be vested with the  
9 exclusive responsibility for management and control of the  
10 correctional system, and all properties belonging thereto, subject  
11 only to the limitations of this chapter, and shall be responsible  
12 for the management of affairs of the correctional system and for  
13 the proper care, treatment, feeding, clothing and management of  
14 the offenders confined therein. The commissioner shall have final  
15 authority to employ and discharge all employees of the  
16 correctional system, except as otherwise provided by law.

17 (2) The department may contract for the private operation of  
18 the State Penitentiary at Parchman. If the department contracts  
19 for private operation of the Parchman facility, the department  
20 shall comply with the requirements of Sections 47-5-1211 through  
21 47-5-1227.

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

