

By: Senator(s) Hyde-Smith

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 583

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE CONSULTING GROUP ON
2 CRIMINAL CODE REVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI JUDICIAL ADVISORY STUDY
3 COMMITTEE TO REVIEW CRIMINAL SENTENCING AS DONE IN THE STATE OF
4 NORTH CAROLINA.

5 WHEREAS, the Consulting Group on Criminal Code Revision of
6 the Mississippi Judicial Advisory Study Committee has been working
7 for several years on a Model Penal Code based proposal for
8 revision of the Mississippi criminal code; and

9 WHEREAS, the work of the consulting group is moving toward
10 the phase in which the group will recommend a sentencing structure
11 component for the proposal; and

12 WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Legislature to stem the
13 erosion of public confidence in our criminal justice system and to
14 ensure the fairness and appropriateness of the sentences imposed
15 upon conviction; and

16 WHEREAS, the goals of reform should be to provide an
17 underlying rationale for sentencing, to enhance the consistency
18 and certainty of sentencing, and to make efficient use of the
19 state's penal resources; and

20 WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Legislature that
21 the State of North Carolina has enacted sentencing reform by the
22 adoption of a sentencing grid; and

23 WHEREAS, an investigation of structured sentencing should be
24 a part of the work of the consulting group in proposing any
25 sentencing guidelines:

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
27 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That



28 we do hereby memorialize the Consulting Group on Criminal Code
29 Revision of the Mississippi Judicial Advisory Study Committee to
30 study sentencing reform in North Carolina and the North Carolina
31 structured sentencing grid as a part of the consulting group's
32 work.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
34 forwarded to the consulting group, to the President of The
35 Mississippi Bar and to the Chairman of the Judicial Advisory Study
36 Committee.

