

## REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MADAM PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 974: Juvenile detention centers; provide minimum standards for.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

- 11        SECTION 1. (1) All juveniles shall undergo a health  
12 screening within one (1) hour of admission to any juvenile  
13 detention center, or as soon thereafter as reasonably possible.  
14 Information obtained during the screening shall include, but shall  
15 not be limited to, the juvenile's:
- 16            (a) Mental health;
  - 17            (b) Suicide risk;
  - 18            (c) Alcohol and other drug use and abuse;
  - 19            (d) Physical health;
  - 20            (e) Aggressive behavior;
  - 21            (f) Family relations;
  - 22            (g) Peer relations;
  - 23            (h) Social skills;
  - 24            (i) Educational status; and
  - 25            (j) Vocational status.
- 26        (2) If the screening instrument indicates that a juvenile is  
27 in need of emergency medical care or mental health intervention  
28 services, the detention staff shall refer those juveniles to the  
29 proper health care facility or mental health service provider for  
30 further evaluation, as soon as reasonably possible.
- 31        (3) All juveniles shall receive a thorough orientation to  
32 the center's procedures, rules, programs and services. The intake

33 process shall operate twenty-four (24) hours per day.

34 (4) The directors of all of the juvenile detention centers  
35 shall amend or develop written procedures for admission of  
36 juveniles who are new to the system. These shall include, but are  
37 not limited to, the following:

38 (a) Determine that the juvenile is legally committed to  
39 the facility;

40 (b) Make a complete search of the juvenile and his  
41 possessions;

42 (c) Dispose of personal property;

43 (d) Require shower and hair care, if necessary;

44 (e) Issue clean, laundered clothing, as needed;

45 (f) Issue personal hygiene articles;

46 (g) Perform medical, dental and mental health  
47 screening;

48 (h) Assign a housing unit for the juvenile;

49 (i) Record basic personal data and information to be  
50 used for mail and visiting lists;

51 (j) Assist juveniles in notifying their families of  
52 their admission and procedures for mail and visiting;

53 (k) Assign a registered number to the juvenile; and

54 (l) Provide written orientation materials to the  
55 juvenile.

56 (5) All juvenile detention centers shall provide or make  
57 available the following minimum services and programs:

58 (a) An educational program;

59 (b) A visitation program with parents and guardians;

60 (c) Private communications with visitors and staff;

61 (d) Counseling;

62 (e) Continuous supervision of living units;

63 (f) Medical service;

64 (g) Food service;

65 (h) Recreation and exercise program; and

66 (i) Reading materials.

67 (6) Programs and services shall be initiated for all  
68 juveniles once they have completed the admissions process.

69 (7) Programs and professional services may be provided by  
70 the detention staff, youth court staff or the staff of the local  
71 or state agencies, or those programs and professional services may  
72 be provided through contractual arrangements with community  
73 agencies.

74 (8) Persons providing the services required in this section  
75 must be qualified or trained in their respective fields.

76 (9) All directors of juvenile detention centers shall amend  
77 or develop written procedures to fit the programs and services  
78 described in this section.

79 **SECTION 2.** (1) There is established a Juvenile Detention  
80 Facilities Task Force, the duties of which shall be to develop  
81 uniform standards for juvenile detention facilities in the state.

82 The uniform standards shall address the following areas, at a  
83 minimum:

84 (a) Operations of juvenile detention facilities;

85 (b) Programs and services provided by juvenile  
86 detention facilities; and

87 (c) Training of juvenile detention facility staff.

88 The task force shall utilize the Standards for Juvenile  
89 Detention Facilities, 3rd Edition, developed by the American  
90 Correctional Association in cooperation with the Commission on  
91 Accreditation for Corrections, as a guide for developing the  
92 uniform standards.

93 (2) The task force shall consist of fifteen (15) members as  
94 follows:

95 (a) Two (2) administrators of juvenile detention  
96 centers, appointed by the Executive Director of the Division of  
97 Public Safety Planning of the Department of Public Safety;

98 (b) One (1) representative of the Office of Youth  
99 Services of the Department of Human Services;

100 (c) One (1) representative of the Division of Public  
101 Safety Planning of the Department of Public Safety;

102 (d) One (1) representative of the State Department of  
103 Health;

104 (e) One (1) representative of the Mississippi

105 Association of Supervisors;

106 (f) One (1) representative of education, appointed by  
107 the State Superintendent of Public Education;

108 (g) One (1) county sheriff who is a representative of  
109 the Mississippi Sheriff's Association;

110 (h) One (1) representative of a youth advocacy  
111 organization or group, appointed by the Director of the Office of  
112 Youth Services of the Department of Human Services;

113 (i) One (1) youth court judge who is a representative  
114 of the Mississippi Council of Youth Court Judges;

115 (j) Two (2) members of the Juvenile Justice Committee  
116 of the Mississippi House of Representatives, appointed by the  
117 Speaker of the House;

118 (k) Two (2) members of the Juvenile Justice Committee  
119 of the Mississippi Senate, appointed by the Lieutenant Governor;  
120 and

121 (l) One (1) attorney who has experience in youth court  
122 matters, appointed by the Executive Director of the Division of  
123 Public Safety Planning of the Department of Public Safety.

124 (3) At its first meeting, the task force shall elect a  
125 chairman and vice chairman from its membership, and shall adopt  
126 rules for transacting its business and keeping records. If  
127 sufficient funds are available to the task force for that purpose,  
128 members of the task force may receive a per diem in the amount  
129 provided in Section 25-3-69 for each day engaged in the business  
130 of the task force, and members of the task force other than the  
131 legislative members may receive reimbursement for travel expenses  
132 incurred while engaged in official business of the task force in  
133 accordance with Section 25-3-41.

134 (4) Before December 1, 2002, the task force shall make a  
135 report of its work and recommendations, and it shall submit a copy  
136 of the report to the Legislature and the Governor.

137 (5) The task force shall be assigned to the Division of  
138 Public Safety Planning of the Department of Public Safety for  
139 administrative purposes only, and the Division of Public Safety  
140 Planning shall designate staff to assist the task force. The task

141 force may solicit grants, donations and other funds, and may  
142 accept and expend any funds that are made available to the task  
143 force to carry out its purpose. However, no state general funds  
144 may be used to pay any expenses of the task force.

145 (6) All agencies, departments, offices and institutions of  
146 the state, including the state universities and the community and  
147 junior colleges, shall cooperate with the task force with such  
148 assistance as requested by the task force.

149 (7) After the presentation of its report to the Legislature  
150 and the Governor, the task force shall be dissolved.

151 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
152 and after July 1, 2002.

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