

*****Adopted*****

AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO

House Bill NO. 1555

By Senator(s) Committee

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 47-5-943, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:
9 47-5-943. The Mississippi Department of Corrections may
10 contract with the Walnut Grove Correctional Authority or the
11 governing authorities of the Municipality of Walnut Grove, Leake
12 County, Mississippi, to provide for the private housing, care and
13 control of up to five hundred (500) juvenile offenders who are in
14 the custody of the Department of Corrections at a maximum security
15 facility in Walnut Grove. The maximum age of any offender housed
16 in this facility shall be twenty (20) years. A county or circuit
17 judge shall not order any juvenile to be housed in the
18 correctional facility authorized in Sections 47-5-943 through
19 47-5-953. Commitment of juvenile offenders shall not be to this
20 facility, but shall be to the jurisdiction of the department. The
21 commissioner shall assign newly sentenced offenders to an
22 appropriate facility consistent with public safety. Any facility
23 owned or leased by the Walnut Grove Correctional Authority or the
24 Municipality of Walnut Grove for this purpose shall be designed,
25 constructed, operated and maintained in accordance with American
26 Correctional Association standards, and shall comply with all

27 constitutional standards of the United States and the State of
28 Mississippi and with all court orders that may now or hereinafter
29 be applicable to the facility. The contract must comply with
30 Sections 47-5-1211 through 47-5-1227.

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

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-943, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM AGE OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS THAT MAY BE
3 HOUSED BY THE WALNUT GROVE CORRECTIONAL AUTHORITY; TO INCREASE THE
4 MAXIMUM NUMBER OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS THAT MAY BE HOUSED IN SUCH
5 FACILITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.