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To: Local and Private  
Legislation; Penitentiary

HOUSE BILL NO. 1601

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF  
2 VICKSBURG TO CONTRACT WITH THE ISSAQUENA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR  
3 THE USE OF INMATE LABOR FROM THE ISSAQUENA COUNTY CORRECTIONAL  
4 FACILITY TO WORK ON PUBLIC ROADS AND TO CUT AND CLEAN PRIVATE LOTS  
5 THAT ARE A MENACE TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND TO THE SAFETY OF THE  
6 COMMUNITY; TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF  
7 VICKSBURG TO INSURE THE CITY OF VICKSBURG AND ISSAQUENA COUNTY AND  
8 THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES AGAINST ANY LIABILITY  
9 THAT MAY OCCUR WHILE INMATES ARE ENGAGED IN SUCH WORK; AND FOR  
10 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

12 **SECTION 1.** The governing authorities of the City of  
13 Vicksburg, Mississippi, may contract with the Board of Supervisors  
14 of Issaquena County for the use of inmate labor from the Issaquena  
15 County Correctional Facility, in accordance with the rules and  
16 regulations established by the Issaquena County Correctional  
17 Facility. The contract shall require the City of Vicksburg to  
18 provide transportation, guards, meals and other matters necessary  
19 to make use of such inmate labor or shall provide that the City of  
20 Vicksburg shall reimburse Issaquena County or the Issaquena County  
21 Correctional Facility for the costs of transporting, guarding,  
22 providing meals or other matters necessary for the use of such  
23 inmate labor. Such inmate labor may be used to clean and work on  
24 the public roads and other public works within the City of  
25 Vicksburg and to cut and clean private property that has been  
26 determined by the governing authorities of the City of Vicksburg  
27 to be in such a state of uncleanliness or disrepair that it is a  
28 menace to the public health or safety of the community or is in  
29 such condition or disrepair that it is dangerous or injurious to  
30 the public health and safety of the occupants of buildings or the  
31 occupants of neighboring buildings.



32           **SECTION 2.** The governing authorities of the City of  
33 Vicksburg may insure the City of Vicksburg and Issaquena County  
34 and their respective officials and employees against any liability  
35 which may occur as a result of the inmates performing work  
36 pursuant to this act or for the guarding or transporting of  
37 inmates under this act. The public officials and employees of the  
38 City of Vicksburg shall have all the immunities allowed the  
39 Commissioner of Corrections under Section 47-5-110(3), Mississippi  
40 Code of 1972, for all acts of inmates who perform work pursuant to  
41 this act.

42           **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
43 and after its passage.

