

By: Representatives Clarke, Thomas

To: Corrections;
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 949

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
2 TO ESTABLISH A MANDATORY DRUG AND ALCOHOL REHABILITATION PROGRAM
3 FOR ALL OFFENDERS SENTENCED TO THE CUSTODY OF THE MISSISSIPPI
4 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS WHO HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF A DRUG OR
5 ALCOHOL RELATED CRIME OR WHO HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME WHICH
6 THE OFFENDER COMMITTED BECAUSE OF DRUG OR ALCOHOL ADDICTION; AND
7 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Mississippi Department of Corrections
10 is authorized to establish a mandatory drug and alcohol
11 rehabilitation program for all offenders convicted of drug or
12 alcohol related charges and shall have the power and duty to adopt
13 rules and regulations it may determine necessary with respect to
14 the establishment, administration and operation of the program.

15 (2) Any offender sentenced to the custody of the Mississippi
16 Department of Corrections who has been convicted of a drug or
17 alcohol related crime or who has been convicted of a crime which
18 the offender committed because of drug or alcohol addiction shall
19 undergo a mandatory drug and alcohol rehabilitation program as
20 established by the department.

21 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
22 and after July 1, 2005.