

By: Representatives Clarke, Thomas

To: Corrections

HOUSE BILL NO. 950

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE CERTAIN CHURCHES OR RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES TO
2 PROVIDE HOUSING, COUNSELING, LITERACY AND COMPUTER SKILLS TO
3 RELEASED OFFENDERS WHO ARE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE
4 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** For the purpose of preventing released offenders
7 from returning to prison, any church or religious society that
8 receives any state grant money must provide housing, counseling,
9 literacy and computer skills to at least one (1) released offender
10 who is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections.

11 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
12 and after July 1, 2004.