

By: Senator(s) Huggins

To: Corrections

SENATE BILL NO. 2747

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-1-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROHIBIT THE WORKING OF STATE INMATES BY INDIVIDUALS FOR PRIVATE
3 PURPOSES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 47-1-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 47-1-19. (1) It is unlawful for any state or county
8 prisoner or prisoners to be leased or hired to any individual or
9 corporation for any purpose whatsoever. Nor shall they be worked
10 under any contractor; but in working them on county farms, or on
11 the public roads or on any other work, which work must be of an
12 exclusively public character, they shall be under exclusive
13 official control and management.

14 (2) (a) It is lawful for a county or municipality to
15 provide prisoners for public service work for nonprofit charitable
16 organizations as defined under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal
17 Revenue Code if that nonprofit charitable organization provides
18 food to charities.

19 (b) The prisoners participating in the public service
20 work under paragraph (a) shall remain under the exclusive control
21 and management of the county or municipality.

22 (c) A prisoner performing public service work under
23 this subsection shall be entitled to earned credits as provided
24 under this chapter.

25 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
26 and after its passage.