

By: Senator(s) Jackson (32nd)

To: Public Property;  
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2515

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND  
2 ADMINISTRATION TO INITIATE A FACILITY AUDIT OF STATE-OWNED  
3 FACILITIES; TO REQUIRE THE BUREAU OF BUILDING, GROUNDS AND REAL  
4 PROPERTY MANAGEMENT TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE AUDIT DATA TO THE  
5 LEGISLATURE AND OTHER STATE AGENCIES THAT ARE AFFECTED; TO DIRECT  
6 THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO ONLY USE  
7 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS TO INITIATE THE FACILITY AUDIT; AND FOR  
8 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Department of Finance and  
11 Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and  
12 Real Property Management, is hereby authorized and directed to  
13 initiate a facility audit for state-owned structures managed by  
14 the Department of Finance and Administration and report on or  
15 before January 1, 2007, to the Joint Facilities Management  
16 Advisory Committee. The report shall also include a plan to audit  
17 all state-owned facilities, in addition to the structures managed  
18 by the Department of Finance and Administration, on or before  
19 January 1, 2009. The facility audit shall be performed by a  
20 professional architectural/engineering entity and maintained  
21 through completion.

22 (2) The facility audit shall encompass all existing  
23 state-owned facilities and further incorporate all new constructed  
24 state-owned facilities managed by the Department of Finance and  
25 Administration. The facility audit reporting shall be  
26 administered at the discretion of the Bureau of Building, Grounds  
27 and Real Property Management for the purpose of generating  
28 reports, determining the value of state-owned facilities and their  
29 size, scale, composition, condition and location, and qualifying  
30 and prioritizing capital improvement, repair and renovation

31 requests. The Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property  
32 Management shall provide access to the facility audit data to the  
33 Legislature and other state agencies that are affected and from  
34 which the data is compiled. The Department of Finance and  
35 Administration through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real  
36 Property Management, is directed to only use discretionary funds  
37 to initiate the facility audit.

38 (3) It is the intent of the Legislature to authorize the  
39 facility audit to establish the consolidation of data into a  
40 centralized location, to heighten efficiency in processing capital  
41 improvement and repair and renovation projects, and to possess the  
42 ability to produce data queries on any given entry.

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