

By: Representative Malone

To: Corrections

HOUSE BILL NO. 429

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-181, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO PLACE AN INMATE IN A
3 PRE-RELEASE CENTER WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE INMATE'S EARLIEST
4 RELEASE DATE AND TO ALLOW THE CORRECTIONS COMMISSIONER TO HAVE A
5 DESIGNEE APPROVE THE PLACEMENT OF THE INMATE INTO SUCH CENTER WHEN
6 NECESSARY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 47-5-181, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 47-5-181. (1) The Department of Corrections is authorized
11 to convert four (4) community work centers to pre-release centers.
12 The department shall convert the community work centers as
13 follows: one (1) center in the northern part of the state, two
14 (2) centers in the central part of the state, and one (1) center
15 in the southern part of the state.

16 (2) The department may place any inmate in a pre-release
17 center if: (a) the inmate is within one (1) year of his or her
18 earliest release date, and (b) the inmate is approved for
19 placement by the classification hearing officer and the
20 commissioner or the commissioner's designee.

21 (3) The department shall notify, by certified mail, each
22 member of the board of supervisors of the county in which the
23 center is located of the department's intent to convert the
24 community work center to a pre-release center. The board of
25 supervisors shall have thirty (30) days after the date of the
26 mailing to disapprove the conversion of the center. If the board
27 of supervisors disapproves of the pre-release center, the
28 department shall not convert the community work center.

29 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
30 and after July 1, 2007.