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To: Corrections

HOUSE BILL NO. 985

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-931, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO CONTRACT WITH THE
3 BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS OF WASHINGTON AND HINDS COUNTIES TO HOUSE
4 STATE INMATES IN A REGIONAL FACILITY; TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-933,
5 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT FROM \$24.90 TO
6 \$29.74 THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS PAYS TO REGIONAL
7 FACILITIES FOR THE HOUSING OF STATE OFFENDERS; AND FOR RELATED
8 PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** Section 47-5-931, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
11 amended as follows:

12 47-5-931. (1) The Department of Corrections, in its
13 discretion, may contract with the board of supervisors of one or
14 more counties and/or with a regional facility * * * operated by
15 one (1) or more counties, to provide for housing, care and control
16 of not more than three hundred (300) offenders who are in the
17 custody of the State of Mississippi. Any facility owned or leased
18 by a county or counties for this purpose shall be designed,
19 constructed, operated and maintained in accordance with American
20 Correctional Association standards, and shall comply with all
21 constitutional standards of the United States and the State of
22 Mississippi, and with all court orders that may now or hereinafter
23 be applicable to the facility. If the Department of Corrections
24 contracts with more than one (1) county to house state offenders
25 in county correctional facilities, excluding a regional facility,
26 then the first of such facilities shall be constructed in Sharkey
27 County and the second of such facilities shall be constructed in
28 Jefferson County.

29 (2) The Department of Corrections shall contract with the
30 boards of supervisors of the following counties to house state

