

By: Senator(s) Doxey

To: Corrections

SENATE BILL NO. 2583

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-177, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO GIVE ELECTRONIC
3 NOTICE OF RELEASE OF AN INMATE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 47-5-177, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 47-5-177. Within forty-eight (48) hours prior to the release
8 of an offender from the custody of the department * * * because of
9 discharge, parole, pardon, temporary personal leave or pass, or
10 otherwise, except for sickness or death in the offender's family,
11 the Director of Records of the department * * * shall give written
12 or electronic notice of such release * * * to the sheriff of the
13 county and to the chief of police of the municipality where the
14 offender was convicted. If the offender is paroled to a county
15 other than the county of conviction, the Director of Records shall
16 give written or electronic notice of the release to the sheriff,
17 district attorney and circuit judge of the county and to the chief
18 of police of the municipality where the offender is paroled and to
19 the sheriff of the county and to the chief of police of the
20 municipality where the offender was convicted. The * * *
21 department * * * shall notify the parole officer of the county
22 where the offender is paroled or discharged to probation of any
23 chronic mental disorder incurred by the offender, of any type of
24 infectious disease for which the offender has been examined and
25 treated, and of any medications provided to the offender for such
26 conditions.

27 The commissioner * * * shall require the Director of Records
28 to clearly identify the * * * notice of release of an offender who
29 has been convicted of arson at any time. The fact that the
30 offender to be released had been convicted of arson at any time
31 shall appear prominently on the notice of release and the sheriff
32 shall notify all officials who are responsible for investigation
33 of arson within the county of such offender's release and the
34 chief of police shall notify all such officials within the
35 municipality of such offender's release.

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