

By: Senator(s) Doxey

To: Corrections

SENATE BILL NO. 2589

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-940, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO EXTEND THE REPEALER ON THE ALCOHOL AND DRUG TREATMENT PROGRAM  
3 AT THE BOLIVAR COUNTY REGIONAL FACILITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 47-5-940, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 47-5-940. (1) (a) The Department of Corrections may  
8 contract with the Bolivar County Regional Facility for a five-year  
9 pilot program dedicated to an intensive and comprehensive alcohol  
10 and other drug treatment program for not more than two hundred  
11 fifty (250) inmates. The Bolivar County Regional Facility shall  
12 have the option of canceling the contract for the drug treatment  
13 program after giving the Department of Corrections thirty (30)  
14 days' notice of its intent to cancel. The program shall be a  
15 prison-based treatment program designed to reduce substance abuse  
16 by inmates, correct dysfunctional thinking and behavioral  
17 patterns, and prepare inmates to make a successful and crime-free  
18 readjustment to the community.

19 (b) The Department of Corrections shall reimburse the  
20 Bolivar County Regional Facility at the per diem rate allowed  
21 under Section 47-5-933.

22 (2) (a) An inmate who is within eighteen (18) months of his  
23 earned release date or parole date may be placed in the program.

24 (b) The Department of Corrections shall remove any  
25 inmate within seventy-two (72) hours after being notified by the  
26 Bolivar County Regional Facility that the inmate is violent or  
27 refuses to participate in the drug treatment program.

28           (3) The program shall consist, but is not limited to, the  
29 following components:

30           (a) An assessment and placement component using a  
31 recidivism needs assessment of the inmates;

32           (b) An intensive and comprehensive treatment and  
33 rehabilitation component which addresses the specific drug or  
34 alcohol problem of the inmate. This component shall include  
35 relapse prevention strategies, anger management strategies and  
36 regimented discipline strategies.

37           (c) An aftercare post-release component that has a  
38 specific transition plan for each inmate. The transition plan  
39 must address specific post-release needs such as employment,  
40 housing, medical care, relapse prevention and treatment. The plan  
41 shall require personnel to assist the inmate with these needs and  
42 to assist in finding community-based programs for the inmate. The  
43 plan shall require the inmate to be tracked in at least thirty-day  
44 intervals to measure compliance with his established transition  
45 plan.

46           (d) A monitoring assessment of recidivism containing  
47 post-release history of substance abuse, breaches of trust,  
48 arrests, convictions, employment, community functioning, and  
49 marital and family interaction.

50           (4) The department shall file a report annually on the  
51 program with specific data on recidivism of inmates including the  
52 data required in subsection (3)(d).

53           (5) The program authorized under this section may be renewed  
54 if it meets performance requirements as may be determined by the  
55 Legislature.

56           (6) This section shall repeal on July 3, 2009.

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