

By: Senator(s) Walls

To: Corrections;  
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2925

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-931, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO CONTRACT WITH  
3 WASHINGTON AND HINDS COUNTIES TO HOUSE STATE INMATES IN A REGIONAL  
4 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-933, MISSISSIPPI CODE  
5 OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE REIMBURSEMENT RATE TO REGIONAL  
6 CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

10 47-5-931. (1) The Department of Corrections, in its  
11 discretion, may contract with the board of supervisors of one or  
12 more counties and/or with a regional facility \* \* \* operated by  
13 one or more counties, to provide for housing, care and control of  
14 not more than three hundred (300) offenders who are in the custody  
15 of the State of Mississippi. Any facility owned or leased by a  
16 county or counties for this purpose shall be designed,  
17 constructed, operated and maintained in accordance with American  
18 Correctional Association standards, and shall comply with all  
19 constitutional standards of the United States and the State of  
20 Mississippi, and with all court orders that may now or hereinafter  
21 be applicable to the facility. If the Department of Corrections  
22 contracts with more than one (1) county to house state offenders  
23 in county correctional facilities, excluding a regional facility,  
24 then the first of such facilities shall be constructed in Sharkey  
25 County and the second of such facilities shall be constructed in  
26 Jefferson County.

27 (2) The Department of Corrections shall contract with the  
28 boards of supervisors of the following counties to house state  
29 inmates in regional facilities: (a) Marion and Walthall Counties;

30 (b) Carroll and Montgomery Counties; (c) Stone and Pearl River  
31 Counties; (d) Winston and Choctaw Counties; (e) Kemper and Neshoba  
32 Counties; (f) Holmes County and any contiguous county in which  
33 there is located an unapproved jail; and (g) Bolivar County and  
34 any contiguous county in which there is located an unapproved  
35 jail. The Department of Corrections may contract with the boards  
36 of supervisors of the following counties to house state inmates in  
37 regional facilities: (a) Yazoo County and any contiguous county,  
38 (b) Chickasaw County; \* \* \* (c) George and Greene Counties; (d)  
39 Hinds County; and (e) Washington County. The Department of  
40 Corrections shall decide the order of priority of the counties  
41 listed in this subsection with which it will contract for the  
42 housing of state inmates. For the purposes of this subsection the  
43 term "unapproved jail" means any jail that the local grand jury  
44 determines should be condemned or has found to be of substandard  
45 condition or in need of substantial repair or reconstruction.

46 **SECTION 2.** Section 47-5-933, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
47 amended as follows:

48 47-5-933. The Department of Corrections may contract for the  
49 purposes set out in Section 47-5-931 for a period of not more than  
50 twenty (20) years. The contract may provide that the Department  
51 of Corrections pay a fee of up to Twenty-seven Dollars and  
52 Seventy-four Cents (\$27.74) per day for each offender that is  
53 housed in the facility. The Department of Corrections may include  
54 in the contract, as an inflation factor, a three percent (3%)  
55 annual increase in the contract price. The state shall retain  
56 responsibility for medical care for state offenders to the extent  
57 that is required by law.

58 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
59 and after July 1, 2007.