

House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 2589

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE HOUSE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

34 (a) An assessment and placement component using a
35 recidivism needs assessment of the inmates;

36 (b) An intensive and comprehensive treatment and
37 rehabilitation component which addresses the specific drug or
38 alcohol problem of the inmate and this component shall include
39 relapse prevention strategies, anger management strategies and
40 regimented discipline strategies;

41 (c) An aftercare post-release component that has a
42 specific transition plan for each inmate that must address
43 specific post-release needs such as employment, housing, medical
44 care, relapse prevention and treatment and requires personnel to
45 assist the inmate with these needs and to assist in finding
46 community-based programs for the inmate and requires the inmate to
47 be tracked in at least thirty-day intervals to measure compliance
48 with his or her established transition plan; and

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

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

56 (5) The program authorized under this section may be renewed
57 if it meets performance requirements as may be determined by the
58 Legislature.

59 (6) This section shall repeal on January 1, 2009.

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

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-940, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 WHICH AUTHORIZES THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO CONTRACT WITH
3 THE BOLIVAR COUNTY REGIONAL FACILITY FOR A PILOT PROGRAM FOR AN
4 ALCOHOL AND DRUG TREATMENT PROGRAM, TO EXTEND THE DATE OF REPEAL
5 ON THIS SECTION FROM JANUARY 1, 2008, TO JANUARY 1, 2009; AND FOR
6 RELATED PURPOSES.

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Clerk of the House of Representatives