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AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

House Bill No. 1609

BY: Representative Guice

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

6 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is created a study committee to
7 determine the feasibility of the Harrison County Board of
8 Supervisors to contract with a private entity for the management,
9 operations and maintenance of a private county jail. The study
10 committee shall consist of the following five (5) members:

11 (a) The Chairperson of the House of Representatives of
12 the Corrections Committee;

13 (b) The Chairperson of the Senate Corrections
14 Committee;

15 (c) One (1) member from the House of Representatives,
16 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

17 (d) One (1) member from the Senate, appointed by the
18 Lieutenant Governor; and

19 (e) One (1) member, appointed by the Governor.

20 (2) At its first meeting the study committee shall elect a
21 chairperson and vice chairperson from its membership and shall
22 adopt rules for transacting its business and keeping its records.

23 (3) The member of the task force who is not a legislator,
24 state official or state employee shall be compensated at the per

25 diem rate authorized by Section 25-3-69 and shall be reimbursed in
26 accordance with Section 25-3-41 for mileage and actual expenses
27 incurred in the performance of his or her duties. Legislative
28 members of the study committee shall be paid from the contingent
29 expense funds of their respective houses in the same manner as
30 provided for committee meetings when the Legislature is not in
31 session. However, no per diem or expense for attending meetings
32 of the study committee will be paid to the legislative members of
33 the study committee while the Legislature is in session. No study
34 committee member may incur per diem, travel or other expenses
35 unless previously authorized by vote, at a meeting of the study
36 committee, which shall be recorded in the official minutes of the
37 meeting. Nonlegislative members shall be paid from any funds made
38 available to the study committee for that purpose.

39 (4) To effectuate the purposes of this section, any
40 department, division, board, bureau, commission or agency of the
41 state or any political subdivision thereof shall, at the request
42 of the chairperson of the study committee, provide to the study
43 committee such facilities, assistance and data as will enable the
44 study committee to properly carry out its task.

45 (5) By January 8, 2008, the study committee shall make a
46 report of its work and recommendations.

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

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

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A STUDY COMMITTEE TO DETERMINE THE
2 FEASIBILITY OF THE HARRISON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
3 CONTRACT WITH A PRIVATE ENTITY FOR THE MANAGEMENT, OPERATIONS AND
4 MAINTENANCE OF A PRIVATE JAIL; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.