

By: Representative Shirley

To: Corrections

HOUSE BILL NO. 97

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-95, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROHIBIT CONJUGAL VISITS WITH OFFENDERS WHO ARE COMMITTED TO THE
3 CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 47-5-95, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 47-5-95. (1) The members of the executive department,
9 except the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, and judicial
10 departments of the state and members of the Legislature, shall
11 with advance notice to the commissioner be admitted into the
12 correctional system or any facility thereof, and other places
13 where offenders are kept and worked, at all proper hours, for the
14 purpose of observing the conduct thereof, and may hold
15 conversations with the offenders apart from all correctional
16 system officials.

17 (2) In addition to the visitations prescribed in subsection
18 (1) of this section, other persons may visit a correctional system
19 facility under such rules and regulations as may be established by



20 the commissioner who shall be liable to the state on his bond for
21 negligence in security and in an amount to be determined by the
22 courts.

23 (3) Conjugal visitations with any offenders committed to the
24 custody of the Department of Corrections are prohibited.

25 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
26 and after July 1, 2018.

