

By: Representative Banks

To: Corrections; Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 637

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-7-3.2, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
 2 TO PROVIDE THAT ANY ELIGIBLE OFFENDER WHO HAS COMMITTED A
 3 NONVIOLENT CRIME OR VIOLENT CRIME ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 1995, SHALL
 4 NOT BE RELEASED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS UNTIL AFTER HE OR
 5 SHE HAS SERVED NO LESS THAN TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF HIS OR HER
 6 SENTENCE FOR A NONVIOLENT CRIME OR FIFTY PERCENT FOR A CRIME OF
 7 VIOLENCE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 47-7-3.2, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
 10 amended as follows:

11 47-7-3.2. (1) Notwithstanding Sections 47-7-3, 47-5-138,
 12 47-5-139, 47-5-138.1 or 47-5-142, no person convicted of a
 13 criminal offense on or after July 1, * * * 1995, shall be released
 14 by the department until he or she has served no less than fifty
 15 percent (50%) of a sentence for a crime of violence pursuant to
 16 Section 97-3-2 or twenty-five percent (25%) of any other sentence
 17 imposed by the court.

18 (2) This section shall not apply to:

19 (a) Offenders sentenced to life imprisonment;



20 (b) Offenders convicted as habitual offenders pursuant
21 to Sections 99-19-81 through 99-19-87;

22 (c) Offenders serving a sentence for a sex offense; or

23 (d) Offenders serving a sentence for trafficking
24 pursuant to Section 41-29-139(f).

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

