

By: Representative Banks

To: Corrections

HOUSE BILL NO. 646

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO IMPLEMENT
2 AN EXTENDED FAMILY VISITATION PROGRAM FOR ELIGIBLE OFFENDERS WHO
3 ARE INCARCERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Corrections shall implement an
6 Extended Family Visitation Program. The department shall provide
7 extended visitation through the program for any incarcerated
8 offender who is eligible based upon the rules of the department.
9 As used in this section, "Extended Family Visitation Program"
10 means a program that allows visitation by the immediate family
11 members of eligible offenders on the grounds of a correctional
12 facility for an extended period of time. Such visitation shall
13 occur as follows:

14 (a) Visitation will be for a period not to exceed five
15 (5) days; and

16 (b) The frequency of such visitation shall not exceed
17 once every three (3) months.



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

