

By: Representatives Horan, Bounds

To: Corrections

HOUSE BILL NO. 756

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
 2 ADMINISTRATION, BUREAU OF BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND REAL PROPERTY
 3 MANAGEMENT SHALL DETERMINE THE ESTIMATED COSTS TO REPAIR THE
 4 WALNUT GROVE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; TO PROVIDE THAT AFTER THE
 5 DETERMINATION OF COSTS IS MADE, THE BUREAU OF BUILDINGS, GROUNDS
 6 AND REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SHALL MAKE A CERTAIN REPORT DETAILING
 7 THE NEEDED REPAIRS AND THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH REPAIRS; TO
 8 CREATE A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY DESIGNATED AS THE
 9 "CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION FUND"; TO
 10 PROVIDE CERTAIN FUNDING OF THE FUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

12 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Department of Finance and
 13 Administration, Bureau of Buildings, Grounds and Real Property
 14 Management shall determine the estimated costs for the repair,
 15 renovation and improvement of the Walnut Grove Correctional
 16 Facility. Any determinations of needed repair, renovation and
 17 improvement of the facility shall meet American Correctional
 18 Association safety standards and shall accommodate all custody
 19 levels of inmates except those inmates housed pursuant to a
 20 sentence of death.

21 (2) After an estimation of the costs are determined,
 22 pursuant to subsection (1), the Bureau of Buildings, Grounds and



23 Real Property Management shall submit to the Governor, Lieutenant
24 Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Chairmen
25 of the Corrections Committees of the House of Representatives and
26 Senate a report detailing the estimated costs for the repair,
27 renovation and improvement of the correctional facility. The
28 report shall be submitted within fifteen (15) days after the
29 effective date of this act.

30 (3) (a) There is created in the State Treasury a special
31 fund to be designated as the "Correctional Facilities Assessment
32 and Evaluation Fund," which shall consist of funds appropriated
33 or otherwise made available by the Legislature in any manner and
34 funds from any other source designated for deposit into such fund.
35 Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal
36 year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any
37 investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the fund
38 shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Monies in the fund
39 shall be used by the Department of Finance and Administration,
40 Bureau of Buildings, Grounds and Real Property Management for the
41 purposes described in this section.

42 (b) During the 2020 Regular Legislative Session, the
43 Legislature shall appropriate Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00)
44 to the Correctional Facilities Assessment and Evaluation Fund to
45 be utilized by the Department of Finance and Administration,
46 Bureau of Buildings, Grounds and Real Property Management as
47 prescribed under this section.



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

