

By: Representatives Horan, Bounds

To: Corrections

HOUSE BILL NO. 756  
(As Passed the House)

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"; AND FOR  
10 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) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to  
31 be designated as the "Correctional Facilities Assessment and  
32 Evaluation Fund," which shall consist of funds appropriated or  
33 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 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
43 and after its passage.

