

House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 2684

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE HOUSE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 47-5-931, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:
9 47-5-931. (1) The Department of Corrections, in its
10 discretion, may contract with the board of supervisors of one or
11 more counties and/or with a regional facility operated by one or
12 more counties, to provide for housing, care and control of
13 offenders who are in the custody of the State of Mississippi. Any
14 facility owned or leased by a county or counties for this purpose
15 shall be designed, constructed, operated and maintained in
16 accordance with American Correctional Association standards, and
17 shall comply with all constitutional standards of the United
18 States and the State of Mississippi, and with all court orders
19 that may now or hereinafter be applicable to the facility. If the
20 Department of Corrections contracts with more than one (1) county
21 to house state offenders in county correctional facilities,
22 excluding a regional facility, then the first of such facilities

23 shall be constructed in Sharkey County and the second of such
24 facilities shall be constructed in Jefferson County.

25 (2) The Department of Corrections shall contract with the
26 board of supervisors of the following counties to house state
27 inmates in regional facilities: (a) Marion and Walthall Counties;
28 (b) Carroll and Montgomery Counties; (c) Stone and Pearl River
29 Counties; (d) Winston and Choctaw Counties; (e) Kemper and Neshoba
30 Counties; (f) Holmes County and any contiguous county in which
31 there is located an unapproved jail; and (g) Bolivar County and
32 any contiguous county in which there is located an unapproved
33 jail. The Department of Corrections may contract with the board
34 of supervisors of the following counties to house state inmates in
35 regional facilities: (a) Yazoo County, (b) Chickasaw County, (c)
36 George and Greene Counties, (d) Washington County, (e) Hinds
37 County, and (f) Alcorn County. The Department of Corrections
38 shall decide the order of priority of the counties listed in this
39 subsection with which it will contract for the housing of state
40 inmates. For the purposes of this subsection, the term
41 "unapproved jail" means any jail that the local grand jury
42 determines should be condemned or has found to be of substandard
43 condition or in need of substantial repair or reconstruction.

44 (3) In addition to the offenders authorized to be housed
45 under subsection (1) of this section, the Department of
46 Corrections may contract with the Kemper and Neshoba regional
47 facility to provide for housing, care and control of not more than

48 seventy-five (75) additional offenders who are in the custody of
49 the State of Mississippi.

50 (4) The Governor and the Commissioner of Corrections are
51 authorized to increase administratively the number of offenders
52 who are in the custody of the State of Mississippi that can be
53 placed in regional correctional facilities.

54 **SECTION 2.** Section 47-5-933, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
55 amended as follows:

56 47-5-933. The Department of Corrections may contract for the
57 purposes set out in Section 47-5-931 for a period of not more than
58 twenty (20) years. The contract may provide that the Department
59 of Corrections pay a fee of up to * * * Thirty-one Dollars
60 (\$31.00) per day for each offender that is housed in the facility.
61 The Department of Corrections may include in the contract, as an
62 inflation factor, a three percent (3%) annual increase in the
63 contract price. The state shall retain responsibility for medical
64 care for state offenders to the extent that is required by law.

65 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
66 and after July 1, 2020, and shall stand repealed on June 29, 2020.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 47-5-931 AND 47-5-933, MISSISSIPPI
2 CODE OF 1972, TO GRANT AUTHORITY TO THE GOVERNOR AND COMMISSIONER
3 OF CORRECTIONS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF OFFENDERS WHO CAN BE
4 PLACED IN REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES; TO AUTHORIZE TO
5 INCREASE THE REGIONAL PER DIEM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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