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To: Judiciary, Division B

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 2279

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-9-45, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 CRIMINALIZE ABSCONDING FROM PAROLE OR PROBATION; AND FOR RELATED
3 PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 97-9-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 97-9-45. (1) This section shall be referred to and may be
8 cited as "The Lieutenant Troy Morris Law."

9 (2) If any person sentenced to the Mississippi Department of
10 Corrections for any term shall escape or attempt to escape from
11 his particular unit or camp of confinement or the boundaries of
12 the penitentiary as a whole, or shall escape or attempt to escape
13 from custody before confinement therein, or shall abscond from
14 parole or earned release for a period of six (6) months or more,
15 he shall, upon conviction, be punished by imprisonment in such
16 prison for a term not exceeding five (5) years, to commence from
17 and after the expiration of the original term of his imprisonment
18 as extended in consequence of such escape or attempted escape.



19 (3) Any convict who is entrusted to leave the boundaries of
20 confinement by authorities of the Mississippi Department of
21 Corrections or by the Governor, and who willfully fails to return
22 within the stipulated time, or after the accomplishment of the
23 purpose for which he was entrusted to leave, shall be an escapee
24 and, upon conviction, shall be subject to the penalties provided
25 under this section.

26 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
27 and after July 1, 2021.

