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To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1286

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE CHANCERY COURTS TO ORDER CERTAIN PERSONS
2 WITH SEXUAL OFFENDER PROPENSITIES TO BE HELD PENDING EVALUATION;
3 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** If the chancery court finds, through evidence and
6 testimony, during any proceeding before the court that a person
7 has a propensity to commit an act that would be considered a sex
8 offense, as defined in Section 45-33-23, then the court shall
9 order the person to be evaluated by a licensed physician of a
10 mental health facility. If the physician determines that the
11 person has such propensity, then the person must be committed to a
12 mental health facility and remain in the facility until two (2)
13 licensed physicians determine through physical and mental
14 examination that the person no longer has a propensity to commit
15 an act that would be considered a sex offense, as defined in
16 Section 45-33-23. For purposes of this section, the term "mental
17 health facility" means a facility administered by the State
18 Department of Mental Health.



19 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
20 and after July 1, 2022.

