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To: Judiciary, Division B

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 2237

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-5-35, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROHIBIT SUSPENSION OF THE SENTENCE OF AN OFFENDER IN A CASE
3 INVOLVING THE EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 97-5-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 97-5-35. Any person who violates any provision of Section
8 97-5-33 shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction shall be
9 fined not less than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) nor more
10 than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) and shall be
11 imprisoned for not less than five (5) years nor more than forty
12 (40) years. Any person convicted of a second or subsequent
13 violation of Section 97-5-33 shall be fined not less than One
14 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) nor more than One Million
15 Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) and shall be confined in the custody of
16 the Department of Corrections for life or such lesser term as the
17 court may determine, but not less than twenty (20) years. The
18 five-year mandatory sentence shall not be reduced or suspended.



19 The person shall not be eligible for probation or parole
20 notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary.

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

