

By: Senator(s) Sparks

To: Corrections

SENATE BILL NO. 2600  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A STUDY COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE CHALLENGES OF  
2 MONITORING FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM  
3 THROUGH TARGETED SUPPORT, SUPERVISION AND SKILLS ATTAINMENT, AND  
4 TO RECOMMEND SOLUTIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is created a study committee for the  
7 purpose of studying the challenges of monitoring the formerly  
8 incarcerated individuals in the pursuit of the reduction of  
9 recidivism through targeted support, supervision and skills  
10 attainment, and for recommending solutions. The committee shall  
11 be comprised of the following nine (9) members:

12 (a) Three (3) members of the Senate, to be appointed by  
13 the Lieutenant Governor;

14 (b) Three (3) members of the House, to be appointed by  
15 the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

16 (c) The Commissioner of the Department of Corrections,  
17 or a designee, as an ex officio nonvoting member;

18 (d) The Chairman of the Mississippi Parole Board, or a  
19 designee, as an ex officio nonvoting member; and



20 (e) The Executive Director of Accelerate Mississippi,  
21 or a designee, as an ex officio nonvoting member.

22 (2) Appointments to the study committee shall be made within  
23 thirty (30) days of the effective date of this act. At the first  
24 meeting, the committee shall elect from among its membership a  
25 chairman, a vice chairman and any other officers determined to be  
26 necessary, and shall adopt rules for transacting business and  
27 keeping records. The study committee shall develop and report its  
28 findings to the Legislature on or before December 1, 2022.

29 (3) A majority of the members of the study committee shall  
30 constitute a quorum. In the adoption of rules, resolutions and  
31 reports, and in the election of a chairman, vice chairman and any  
32 other officers determined to be necessary, an affirmative vote of  
33 a majority of the members present shall be required.

34 (4) The Commissioner of the Department of Corrections shall  
35 provide the staff and other support necessary for the study  
36 committee to perform its duties.

37 (5) To effectuate the purposes of this act, any department,  
38 division, board, bureau, committee, institution or agency of the  
39 state, or any political subdivision thereof, shall, at the request  
40 of the chairman of the study committee, provide the facilities,  
41 assistance, information and data needed to enable the study  
42 committee to carry out its duties.

43 (6) The study committee shall be dissolved on or before  
44 January 1, 2023.



45           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
46 and after its passage.

