

By: Representatives Currie, Ladner

To: Corrections

HOUSE BILL NO. 547

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-35, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REVISE THE DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND TITLE OF THE CORRECTIONAL  
3 AUDITOR; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 47-5-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 47-5-35. The Joint Legislative Committee on Performance  
8 Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) shall \* \* \* make  
9 available an \* \* \* analyst to \* \* \* review and monitor the  
10 correctional system \* \* \* whose duty shall be to \* \* \* monitor the  
11 financial condition of the Mississippi Department of Corrections  
12 (MDOC) and evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of its  
13 programs and operations. \* \* \* Duties of the analyst for the  
14 correctional system shall include: review and monitor the  
15 financial condition of MDOC, including, but not limited to, the  
16 overall budget, agency expenditures and available revenues; review  
17 and monitor the procurement processes of MDOC, including  
18 contracts, reporting, record keeping and bid requirements to



19 ensure compliance with state law and procurement best practices;  
20 evaluate the programs and operation of the department for  
21 efficiency and effectiveness in use of available resources; and  
22 analyze data produced by the MDOC date-management systems. In  
23 addition, the analyst must review and evaluate any issues with or  
24 pertaining to the correctional system as requested by either the  
25 chairpersons of the Corrections Committees of the Senate or House,  
26 or by the PEER Committee.

27       \* \* \* The analyst must make, at least, a \* \* \* quarterly  
28 report to the Legislative Budget Office and the Chairman of the  
29 Corrections Committees of the Senate and \* \* \* the House of  
30 Representatives regarding the financial condition and procurement  
31 processes of MDOC. The analyst must also make periodic reports to  
32 the Chairpersons of the Corrections Committees of the Senate and  
33 the House of Representatives, and to the PEER Committee regarding  
34 the programs and operations of the correctional system, as well as  
35 any other related issues, as requested.

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37       **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
38 and after July 1, 2023.

