

By: Representatives Taylor, Sanders, Osborne To: Corrections

HOUSE BILL NO. 640

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT THAT HAS AN
2 AFFILIATED DISTRICT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND EACH WORK
3 FORCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER TO PROVIDE TRAINING WITH ITS MOBILE
4 TRAINING UNITS AT REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES FOR ELIGIBLE
5 NONVIOLENT INMATES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 37-153-9 AND 37-153-11,
6 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING SECTION; TO
7 BRING FORWARD SECTION 47-5-931, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, FOR
8 PURPOSES OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** Each community college district that has an
11 affiliated District Workforce Development Council and each
12 workforce development center shall coordinate efforts to utilize
13 the community college mobile training units at each regional
14 correctional facility in the state. The mobile training units,
15 which include, but are not limited to welding, shall be provided
16 to a correctional facility along with the necessary instructors
17 for at least ninety (90) days at each regional correctional
18 facility for the training of nonviolent offenders who are housed
19 at a regional correctional facility.

20 **SECTION 2.** Section 37-153-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
21 amended as follows:



22 37-153-9. (1) In accordance with the federal Workforce
23 Investment Act of 1998, there shall be established, for each of
24 the four (4) state workforce areas prescribed in Section 37-153-3
25 (2)(c), a local workforce investment board to set policy for the
26 portion of the state workforce investment system within the local
27 area and carry out the provisions of the Workforce Investment Act.

28 (2) Each community college district shall have an affiliated
29 District Workforce Development Council. The district council
30 shall be composed of a diverse group of fifteen (15) persons
31 appointed by the board of trustees of the affiliated public
32 community or junior college. The members of each district council
33 shall be selected from persons recommended by the chambers of
34 commerce, employee groups, industrial foundations, community
35 organizations and local governments located in the community
36 college district of the affiliated community college with one (1)
37 appointee being involved in basic literacy training. However, at
38 least eight (8) members of each district council shall be chief
39 executive officers, plant managers that are representatives of
40 employers in that district or service sector executives. The
41 District Workforce Development Council affiliated with each
42 respective community or junior college shall advise the president
43 of the community or junior college on the operation of its
44 workforce development center/one-stop center.

45 The Workforce Development Council shall have the following
46 advisory duties:



47 (a) To develop an integrated and coordinated district
48 workforce investment strategic plan that:

49 (i) Identifies workforce investment needs through
50 job and employee assessments of local business and industry;

51 (ii) Sets short-term and long-term goals for
52 industry-specific training and upgrading and for general
53 development of the workforce; and

54 (iii) Provides for coordination of all training
55 programs, including ABE/High School Equivalency Diploma, Skills
56 Enhancement and Industrial Services, and shall work
57 collaboratively with the State Literacy Resource Center;

58 (b) To coordinate and integrate delivery of training as
59 provided by the workforce development plan;

60 (c) To assist business and industry management in the
61 transition to a high-powered, quality organization;

62 (d) To encourage continuous improvement through
63 evaluation and assessment; * * *

64 (e) To oversee development of an extensive marketing
65 plan to the employer community * * *; and

66 (f) To coordinate and integrate delivery of training
67 of certain nonviolent offenders as provided under Section 1 of
68 this act.

69 **SECTION 3.** Section 37-153-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
70 amended as follows:



71 37-153-11. (1) There are created workforce development
72 centers to provide assessment, training and placement services to
73 individuals needing retraining, training and upgrading for small
74 business and local industry. Each workforce development center
75 shall be affiliated with a separate public community or junior
76 college district and shall coordinate with the Office of Workforce
77 Development.

78 (2) Each workforce development center shall be staffed and
79 organized locally by the affiliated community college. The
80 workforce development center shall serve as staff to the
81 affiliated district council.

82 (3) Each workforce development center, working in concert
83 with its affiliated district council, shall offer and arrange
84 services to accomplish the purposes of this article, including,
85 but not limited to, the following:

86 (a) For individuals needing training and retraining:

87 (i) Recruiting, assessing, counseling and
88 referring to training or jobs;

89 (ii) Preemployment training for those with no
90 experience in the private enterprise system;

91 (iii) Basic literacy skills training and high
92 school equivalency education;

93 (iv) Vocational and technical training, full-time
94 or part-time; and



95 (v) Short-term skills training for educationally
96 and economically disadvantaged adults in cooperation with
97 federally established employment and training programs;

98 (b) For specific small businesses, industries or firms
99 within the district:

100 (i) Job analysis, testing and curriculum
101 development;

102 (ii) Development of specific long-range training
103 plans;

104 (iii) Industry or firm-related preemployment
105 training;

106 (iv) Workplace basic skills and literacy training;

107 (v) Customized skills training;

108 (vi) Assistance in developing the capacity for
109 total quality management training;

110 (vii) Technology transfer information and referral
111 services to business of local applications of new research in
112 cooperation with the University Research Center, the state's
113 universities and other laboratories; and

114 (viii) Development of business plans;

115 (c) For public schools within the district technical
116 assistance to secondary schools in curriculum coordination,
117 development of tech prep programs, instructional development and
118 resource coordination; * * *



119 (d) For economic development, a local forum and
120 resource center for all local industrial development groups to
121 meet and promote regional economic development * * *; and

122 (e) Training of nonviolent offenders in regional
123 correctional facilities as prescribed under Section 1 of this act.

124 (4) Each workforce development center shall compile and make
125 accessible to the Office of Workforce Development and Mississippi
126 State Workforce Investment Board necessary information for use in
127 evaluating outcomes of its efforts and in improving the quality of
128 programs at each community college, and shall include information
129 on literacy initiatives. Each workforce development center shall,
130 through an interagency management information system, maintain
131 records on new small businesses, placement, length of time on the
132 job after placement and wage rates of those placed in a form
133 containing such information as established by the state council.

134 (5) The Mississippi Community College Board is authorized to
135 designate one or more workforce development centers at the request
136 of affiliated community or junior colleges to provide skills
137 training to individuals to enhance their ability to be employed in
138 the motion picture industry in this state.

139 **SECTION 4.** Section 47-5-931, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
140 brought forward as follows:

141 47-5-931. (1) The Department of Corrections, in its
142 discretion, may contract with the board of supervisors of one or
143 more counties or with a regional facility operated by one or more



144 counties, to provide for housing, care and control of offenders
145 who are in the custody of the State of Mississippi. Any facility
146 owned or leased by a county or counties for this purpose shall be
147 designed, constructed, operated and maintained in accordance with
148 American Correctional Association standards, and shall comply with
149 all constitutional standards of the United States and the State of
150 Mississippi, and with all court orders that may now or hereinafter
151 be applicable to the facility. If the Department of Corrections
152 contracts with more than one (1) county to house state offenders
153 in county correctional facilities, excluding a regional facility,
154 then the first of such facilities shall be constructed in Sharkey
155 County and the second of such facilities shall be constructed in
156 Jefferson County.

157 (2) The Department of Corrections shall contract with the
158 board of supervisors of the following counties to house state
159 inmates in regional facilities: (a) Marion and Walthall Counties;
160 (b) Carroll and Montgomery Counties; (c) Stone and Pearl River
161 Counties; (d) Winston and Choctaw Counties; (e) Kemper and Neshoba
162 Counties; (f) Alcorn County and any contiguous county in which
163 there is located an unapproved jail; (g) Yazoo County and any
164 contiguous county in which there is located an unapproved jail;
165 (h) Chickasaw County and any contiguous county in which there is
166 located an unapproved jail; (i) George and Greene Counties and any
167 contiguous county in which there is located an unapproved jail;
168 (j) Washington County and any contiguous county in which there is



169 located an unapproved jail; (k) Hinds County and any contiguous
170 county in which there is located an unapproved jail; (l) Leake
171 County and any contiguous county in which there is located an
172 unapproved jail; (m) Issaquena County and any contiguous county in
173 which there is located an unapproved jail; (n) Jefferson County
174 and any contiguous county in which there is located an unapproved
175 jail; (o) Franklin County and any contiguous county in which there
176 is located an unapproved jail; (p) Holmes County and any
177 contiguous county in which there is located an unapproved jail;
178 and (q) Bolivar County and any contiguous county in which there is
179 located an unapproved jail. The Department of Corrections shall
180 decide the order of priority of the counties listed in this
181 subsection with which it will contract for the housing of state
182 inmates. For the purposes of this subsection, the term
183 "unapproved jail" means any jail that the local grand jury
184 determines should be condemned or has found to be of substandard
185 condition or in need of substantial repair or reconstruction.

186 (3) In addition to the offenders authorized to be housed
187 under subsection (1) of this section, the Department of
188 Corrections may contract with any regional facility to provide for
189 housing, care and control of not more than seventy-five (75)
190 additional offenders who are in the custody of the State of
191 Mississippi.

192 (4) The Governor and the Commissioner of Corrections are
193 authorized to increase administratively the number of offenders



194 who are in the custody of the State of Mississippi that can be
195 placed in regional correctional facilities.

196 **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
197 and after July 1, 2023.

