

By: Representatives Brown (70th), Summers, Cockerham, Denton, Faulkner, Gibbs, Karriem, Sanders, Scott, Taylor, Thompson, Young

To: Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 800

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND  
2 COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS TO EXPAND OUTPATIENT SERVICES AND  
3 COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES FOR CERTAIN FORMERLY INCARCERATED INMATES  
4 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Mental Health and community  
7 mental health centers shall expand outpatient services and  
8 community-based services for former inmates of the Department of  
9 Corrections who are no longer incarcerated within a correctional  
10 institution of the Department of Corrections. The expanded  
11 outpatient services and community-based services shall be for such  
12 former inmates who were diagnosed with a mental illness while  
13 housed within a state correctional institution of the Department  
14 of Corrections. The expansion of the outpatient services and  
15 community-based services shall be paid out of any available funds  
16 appropriated for such expansion of services for the former  
17 incarcerated inmates of the Department of Corrections.

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

