

By: Representatives Harness, Clark, Denton,  
Thompson

To: Corrections;  
Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 808

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-933, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO INCREASE FROM \$32.71 TO \$34.00 THE AMOUNT THE DEPARTMENT OF  
3 CORRECTIONS PAYS PER DAY FOR EACH STATE OFFENDER HOUSED IN A  
4 REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-909,  
5 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE FROM \$32.71 TO \$34.00 THE  
6 AMOUNT THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS PAYS PER DAY TO COUNTY  
7 JAILS FOR HOUSING STATE OFFENDERS FOR 31 DAYS OR MORE UNDER  
8 CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** Section 47-5-933, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
11 amended as follows:

12 47-5-933. The Department of Corrections may contract for the  
13 purposes set out in Section 47-5-931 for a period of not more than  
14 twenty (20) years. The contract may provide that the Department  
15 of Corrections pay a fee of no more than \* \* \* Thirty-four Dollars  
16 (\$34.00) per day for each offender that is housed in the facility.  
17 The Department of Corrections may include in the contract, as an  
18 inflation factor, a three percent (3%) annual increase in the  
19 contract price. The state shall retain responsibility for medical  
20 care for state offenders to the extent that is required by law;  
21 provided, however, the department may reimburse each facility for



22 contract medical services as provided by law in an amount not to  
23 exceed Six Dollars and Twenty-five Cents (\$6.25) per day per  
24 offender.

25 **SECTION 2.** Section 47-5-909, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
26 amended as follows:

27 47-5-909. (1) It is the policy of the Legislature that all  
28 inmates be removed from county jails as early as practicable.  
29 Sections 47-5-901 through 47-5-907 are temporary measures to help  
30 alleviate the immediate operating capacity limitations at  
31 correctional facilities and are not permanent measures to be  
32 included in the long-term operating capacity of the correctional  
33 system.

34 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, to expedite  
35 the removal of inmates from county jails as early as practicable,  
36 absent a contract negotiated between the Department of Corrections  
37 and the county jail, the Department of Corrections shall pay  
38 county jails for housing state offenders out of any available  
39 funds as follows:

40 (a) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) per day per offender  
41 for days one (1) through thirty (30);

42 (b) \* \* \* Thirty-four Dollars (\$34.00) per day per  
43 offender for days thirty-one (31) or greater when:

44 (i) An offender remains in the county jail after  
45 the Department of Corrections receives a certified copy of the  
46 sentencing order or five (5) days after the sentencing order is



47 sent, in writing, by such county to the Department of Corrections,  
48 whichever is earlier; or

49 (ii) An offender remains in the county jail after  
50 being revoked from parole or probation or is sentenced to a  
51 technical violation center.

52 (3) The Department of Corrections is additionally  
53 responsible for all medical costs related to offenders housed at  
54 county jails under subsection (2) of this section.

55 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
56 and after July 1, 2024.

