

By: Representative Paden

To: Corrections

HOUSE BILL NO. 1393

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
2 TO ESTABLISH A REENTRY HOUSING PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH
3 PROGRAM SHALL BE FOR QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ON PROBATION OR
4 PAROLE AND DO NOT HAVE ADEQUATE HOUSING PLANS; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Mississippi Department of Corrections
8 Community Corrections Division is authorized to establish a
9 Reentry Housing Program (RHP) to provide housing to qualified
10 individuals under the supervision of the department's community
11 supervision division. The program shall be for qualified
12 individuals who do not have valid residence plans.

13 (2) These individuals described in subsection (1) of this
14 section may be released from prison or jail or may be active
15 participants in an accountability court such as felony drug,
16 mental, health, veteran or family court. Certified RPH providers
17 shall provide stable housing and food access to these individuals.
18 The goals of the RHP are to provide short-term housing assistance



19 to help stabilize an individual's reentry process and enhance his
20 or her ability to remain crime free.

21 (3) The department shall identify certified RHP providers
22 and such providers shall be reimbursed by the department on a
23 monthly basis for up to six (6) months, as determined by the
24 participant's tier level. A parole officer shall monitor each
25 program participant for compliance with conditions of parole and
26 probation and shall support participants' successful reentry into
27 the community.

28 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
29 and after July 1, 2024.

