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To: Corrections

SENATE BILL NO. 2451

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-30, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE COMMISSIONER OF THE MISSISSIPPI
3 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO PROJECT INMATE POPULATION GROWTH; AND
4 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 47-5-30, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 47-5-30. (1) The Commissioner of Corrections shall develop
9 a strategic plan for its operation of the state correctional
10 system. The strategic plan shall cover a five-year period. The
11 plan shall include, at a minimum, the following:

12 (a) A clearly defined comprehensive statement of the
13 mission, goals and objectives of the agency;

14 (b) Performance effectiveness objectives for each
15 facility under the jurisdiction of the department;

16 (c) A description of the department's internal
17 management system used to evaluate its performance in relation to
18 projected levels;



19 (d) Detailed plans and strategies for meeting current
20 and future needs and achieving goals and objectives established
21 for the state correctional system;

22 (e) A detailed analysis of the use of current agency
23 resources in meeting current needs and expected future needs, and
24 additional resources that may be necessary to meet future needs;

25 (f) An analysis of factors affecting projected prison
26 populations, including impact of juveniles on prison populations
27 and how populations are expected to change within the period of
28 the plan;

29 (g) A plan to remove inmates from county jails.

30 (2) The department shall revise the plan annually.

31 (3) Upon completion of the initial plan and each revision,
32 the department shall provide copies to the Governor, the
33 Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
34 the Chairman of the Senate Corrections Committee, the Chairman of
35 the House Penitentiary Committee, the Legislative Budget Office,
36 the Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review Committee, the
37 Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration
38 and the Legislative Reference Bureau.

39 (4) The commissioner shall develop the strategic plan before
40 September 23, 1994.

41 (5) The commissioner shall develop an independent and
42 unbiased growth model to forecast the state's inmate population.
43 The growth model must produce a ten-year forecast of the inmate



44 population and include a monthly review process to ensure the
45 continued applicability of forecasts. In developing such a model,
46 the department shall seek guidance from other states that have
47 experienced success in developing and implementing growth models.

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

