

By: Senator(s) Sparks

To: Corrections; Government
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SENATE BILL NO. 2600
(As Passed the Senate)

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A STUDY COMMITTEE TO STUDY MOVING PAROLE AND
2 PROBATION OFFICERS AND ASSOCIATED SUPPORT STAFF FROM THE COMMUNITY
3 CORRECTIONS DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
4 TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is created a study committee for the
8 purpose of studying the moving of the parole and probation
9 officers and support staff whose duty is monitoring the formerly
10 incarcerated individuals on parole or post-release supervision in
11 the pursuit of the reduction of recidivism and increased workforce
12 participation of the formerly incarcerated through targeted
13 support, education, training and supervision and for recommending
14 solutions, from the Community Corrections Division of the
15 Mississippi Department of Corrections to the Mississippi
16 Department of Public Safety.

17 (2) The committee shall be comprised of the following nine
18 (9) members:



19 (a) Three (3) members of the Mississippi Senate, to be
20 appointed by the Lieutenant Governor;

21 (b) Three (3) members of the Mississippi House, to be
22 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

23 (c) The Commissioner of the Mississippi Department of
24 Corrections, or a designee, as an ex officio nonvoting member;

25 (d) The Chairman of the Mississippi Parole Board, or a
26 designee, as an ex officio nonvoting member; and

27 (e) The Commissioner of the Mississippi Department of
28 Public Safety, or a designee, as an ex officio nonvoting member.

29 (3) Appointments to the study committee shall be made within
30 thirty (30) days of the effective date of this act. At the first
31 meeting, the committee shall elect from among its members a
32 chairman, a vice chairman and any other officers determined to be
33 necessary, and shall adopt rules for transacting business and
34 keeping records. The study committee shall develop and report its
35 findings to the Legislature on or before December 1, 2024.

36 (4) A majority of the members of the study committee shall
37 constitute a quorum. In the adoption of rules, resolutions and
38 reports, and in the election of a chairman, vice chairman and any
39 other officers determined to be necessary, an affirmative vote of
40 a majority of the members present shall be required.

41 (5) The Commissioner of the Department of Corrections shall
42 provide the staff and other support necessary for the study
43 committee to perform its duties.



44 (6) To effectuate the purposes of this act, any department,
45 division, board, bureau, committee, institution or agency of the
46 state, or any political subdivision thereof, shall, at the request
47 of the chairman of the study committee, provide the facilities,
48 assistance, information and data needed to enable the study
49 committee to carry out its duties.

50 (7) The study committee shall be dissolved on or before
51 January 1, 2025.

52 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
53 and after July 1, 2024, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2024.

