

**Adopted  
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

**Senate Bill No. 2700**

**BY: Committee**

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting  
in lieu thereof the following:**

6           **SECTION 1.** Section 47-5-911, Mississippi Code of 1972, which  
7 names a date of repeal for Sections 47-5-901 through 47-5-911,  
8 concerning state offenders serving sentences in county jails, is  
9 hereby repealed.

10           **SECTION 2.** Section 47-5-901, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
11 brought forward as follows:

12           47-5-901. (1) (a) Any person committed, sentenced or  
13 otherwise placed under the custody of the Department of  
14 Corrections, on order of the sentencing court and subject to the  
15 other conditions of this subsection, may serve all or any part of



16 his sentence in the county jail of the county wherein such person  
17 was convicted if the Commissioner of Corrections determines that  
18 physical space is not available for confinement of such person in  
19 the state correctional institutions. Such determination shall be  
20 promptly made by the Department of Corrections upon receipt of  
21 notice of the conviction of such person. The commissioner shall  
22 certify in writing that space is not available to the sheriff or  
23 other officer having custody of the person. Any person serving  
24 his sentence in a county jail shall be classified in accordance  
25 with Section 47-5-905.

26 (b) Any person committed, sentenced or otherwise placed  
27 under the custody of the Department of Corrections, on order of  
28 the sentencing court and subject to the other conditions of this  
29 subsection, may serve all or any part of his or her sentence in  
30 the county jail of the county wherein such person was convicted if  
31 the sheriff or president of the board of supervisors, requests  
32 such inmate or inmates. Upon such request, the department may  
33 allow such inmate or inmates to serve all or any part of such  
34 inmate's or inmates' sentence(s), as the case may be, in the  
35 county of conviction of the inmate or inmates or the county of  
36 request of a sheriff or board of supervisors outside the county of  
37 conviction. Such determination shall be promptly made by the  
38 Department of Corrections upon receipt of notice of the conviction  
39 of such person. Whenever a request is denied for an inmate or  
40 inmates, then the commissioner shall certify in writing to the



41 sentencing court, sheriff, or president of the board of  
42 supervisors of a county, as the case may be, that such inmate or  
43 inmates does not qualify to serve the sentence or sentences in the  
44 county jail. Any person serving his sentence in a county jail  
45 shall be classified in accordance with Section 47-5-905.

46 (2) If state prisoners are housed in county jails due to a  
47 lack of capacity at state correctional institutions, the  
48 Department of Corrections shall determine the cost for food and  
49 medical attention for such prisoners. The cost of feeding and  
50 housing offenders confined in such county jails shall be based on  
51 actual costs or contract price per prisoner. In order to maximize  
52 the potential use of county jail space, the Department of  
53 Corrections is encouraged to negotiate a reasonable per day cost  
54 per prisoner, which in no event may exceed Twenty-five Dollars  
55 (\$25.00) per day per offender, except as authorized in Section  
56 47-5-909(2).

57 (3) (a) Upon vouchers submitted by the board of supervisors  
58 of any county housing persons due to lack of space at state  
59 institutions, the Department of Corrections shall pay to such  
60 county, out of any available funds, the actual cost of food, or  
61 contract price per prisoner, not to exceed Twenty-five Dollars  
62 (\$25.00) per day per offender, except as authorized in Section  
63 47-5-909(2), as determined under subsection (2) of this section  
64 for each day an offender is so confined beginning the day that the  
65 Department of Corrections receives a certified copy of the



66 sentencing order or five (5) days after the sentencing order is  
67 sent, in writing, by such county to the department, whichever is  
68 earlier, and will terminate on the date on which the offender is  
69 released or otherwise removed from the custody of the county jail.  
70 The department, or its contracted medical provider, will pay to a  
71 provider of a medical service for any and all incarcerated persons  
72 from a correctional or detention facility an amount based upon  
73 negotiated fees as agreed to by the medical care service providers  
74 and the department and/or its contracted medical provider. In the  
75 absence of negotiated discounted fee schedule, medical care  
76 service providers will be paid by the department, or its  
77 contracted medical service provider, an amount no greater than the  
78 reimbursement rate applicable based on the Mississippi Medicaid  
79 reimbursement rate. The board of supervisors of any county shall  
80 not be liable for any cost associated with medical attention for  
81 prisoners who are pretrial detainees or for prisoners who have  
82 been convicted that exceeds the Mississippi Medicaid reimbursement  
83 rate or the reimbursement provided by the Department of  
84 Corrections, whichever is greater. This limitation applies to all  
85 medical care services, durable and nondurable goods, prescription  
86 drugs and medications. Such payment shall be placed in the county  
87 general fund and shall be expended only for food and medical  
88 attention for such persons.

89 (b) Upon vouchers submitted by the board of supervisors  
90 of any county housing offenders in county jails pending a



91 probation or parole revocation hearing, the department shall pay  
92 the reimbursement costs provided in paragraph (a).

93 (c) If the probation or parole of an offender is  
94 revoked, the additional cost of housing the offender pending the  
95 revocation hearing shall be assessed as part of the offender's  
96 court cost and shall be remitted to the department.

97 (4) A person, on order of the sentencing court, may serve  
98 not more than twenty-four (24) months of his sentence in a county  
99 jail if the person is classified in accordance with Section  
100 47-5-905 and the county jail is an approved county jail for  
101 housing state inmates under federal court order. The sheriff of  
102 the county shall have the right to petition the Commissioner of  
103 Corrections to remove the inmate from the county jail. The county  
104 shall be reimbursed in accordance with subsection (2) of this  
105 section.

106 (5) The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi shall  
107 defend the employees of the Department of Corrections and  
108 officials and employees of political subdivisions against any  
109 action brought by any person who was committed to a county jail  
110 under the provisions of this section.

111 (6) This section does not create in the Department of  
112 Corrections, or its employees or agents, any new liability,  
113 express or implied, nor shall it create in the Department of  
114 Corrections any administrative authority or responsibility for the  
115 construction, funding, administration or operation of county or



116 other local jails or other places of confinement which are not  
117 staffed and operated on a full-time basis by the Department of  
118 Corrections. The correctional system under the jurisdiction of  
119 the Department of Corrections shall include only those facilities  
120 fully staffed by the Department of Corrections and operated by it  
121 on a full-time basis.

122 (7) An offender returned to a county for post-conviction  
123 proceedings shall be subject to the provisions of Section 99-19-42  
124 and the county shall not receive the per-day allotment for such  
125 offender after the time prescribed for returning the offender to  
126 the Department of Corrections as provided in Section 99-19-42.

127 **SECTION 3.** Section 47-5-903, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
128 brought forward as follows:

129 47-5-903. (1) A person committed, sentenced or otherwise  
130 placed under the custody of the Department of Corrections, on  
131 order of the sentencing court, may serve his or her sentence in  
132 any county jail if all of the following conditions are complied  
133 with:

134 (a) The person must be classified in accordance with  
135 Section 47-5-905;

136 (b) The person must not be classified as in need of  
137 close supervision;

138 (c) The sheriff of the county where the person will  
139 serve his or her sentence must request in writing that the person  
140 be allowed to serve his or her sentence in that county jail;



141 (d) After the person is classified and returned to the  
142 county, the county shall assume the full and complete  
143 responsibility for the care and expenses of housing such person;  
144 and

145 (e) The county jail must be an approved county jail for  
146 housing state inmates under federal court order.

147 (2) This section does not apply to inmates housed in county  
148 jails due to lack of space at state correctional facilities. The  
149 department may reimburse the county for the expense of housing an  
150 inmate under this section.

151 (3) The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi shall  
152 defend the employees of the Department of Corrections and  
153 officials and employees of political subdivisions against any  
154 action brought by any person who was committed to a county jail  
155 under the provisions of this section.

156 (4) The state, the Department of Corrections, and its  
157 employees or agents, shall not be liable to any person or entity  
158 for an inmate held in a county jail under this section.

159 **SECTION 4.** Section 47-5-905, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
160 brought forward as follows:

161 47-5-905. (1) All persons placed under the custody of the  
162 Department of Corrections shall be processed at a reception and  
163 diagnostic center of the Department of Corrections and then be  
164 assigned to an appropriate correctional facility for a complete  
165 and thorough classification, not to exceed ninety (90) days,



166 unless the department determines that a person can be properly  
167 processed and classified at the county jail in accordance with the  
168 department's classification plan.

169 (2) The Department of Corrections shall develop a plan for  
170 the processing and classification of inmates in county jails and  
171 shall implement the plan by January 1, 1993.

172 **SECTION 5.** Section 47-5-907, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
173 brought forward as follows:

174 47-5-907. The sheriff of any county in this state shall have  
175 the right to petition the Commissioner of the Department of  
176 Corrections to remove a state inmate from the county jail in such  
177 county to the State Penitentiary. The commissioner shall remove  
178 such inmate from such county jail if the sheriff of such county  
179 sets forth just cause in his petition indicating why an inmate  
180 should be removed from such county jail to the State Penitentiary.

181 Just cause is established if such sheriff can sufficiently  
182 prove that such inmate has a dangerous behavior or sufficiently  
183 prove that there is no available or suitable medical facility  
184 where such inmate can be provided suitable medical services. The  
185 commissioner shall respond in writing to the petition no later  
186 than thirty (30) days after the receipt of such petition. If the  
187 petition to remove such inmate is denied by the commissioner, such  
188 sheriff and his agents shall have from the date of denial absolute  
189 immunity from liability for any injury resulting from subsequent  
190 behavior or from medical consequences regarding such inmate,





191 provided that such injury resulted from conditions which were set  
192 forth in such petition.

193         **SECTION 6.** Section 47-5-909, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
194 brought forward as follows:

195         47-5-909. (1) It is the policy of the Legislature that all  
196 inmates be removed from county jails as early as practicable.  
197 Sections 47-5-901 through 47-5-907 are temporary measures to help  
198 alleviate the immediate operating capacity limitations at  
199 correctional facilities and are not permanent measures to be  
200 included in the long-term operating capacity of the correctional  
201 system.

202         (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, to expedite  
203 the removal of inmates from county jails as early as practicable,  
204 absent a contract negotiated between the Department of Corrections  
205 and the county jail, the Department of Corrections shall pay  
206 county jails for housing state offenders out of any available  
207 funds as follows:

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

210                 (b) Thirty-two Dollars and Seventy-one Cents (\$32.71)  
211 per day per offender for days thirty-one (31) or greater when:

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



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

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

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

223 **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
224 and after July 1, 2024, and shall be repealed from and after June  
225 30, 2024.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO REPEAL SECTION 47-5-911, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972;  
2 TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 47-5-901, 47-5-903, 47-5-905, 47-5-907,  
3 AND 47-5-909 FOR PURPOSES OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; AND FOR RELATED  
4 PURPOSES.

