

By: Representatives Grady, Felsher, Hawkins, To: Judiciary B
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1230

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT WHENEVER AN INMATE OR DETAINEE ESCAPES
2 FROM A PRISON FACILITY, THE MISSISSIPPI BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
3 AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED OF THE
4 ESCAPE; TO PROVIDE WHO SHALL MAKE THE NOTIFICATION UPON THE
5 ESCAPE; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN PENALTIES IF SUCH NOTIFICATION DOES NOT
6 OCCUR; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Mississippi Bureau of Investigation and
9 local law enforcement shall be immediately notified within an hour
10 of an inmate or detainee escape as soon as that escape is known.
11 If the escape occurred at a local jail or regional correctional
12 facility, the sheriff shall make the notification. If the escape
13 occurred at a state prison facility, then the Mississippi
14 Department of Corrections shall make the notification of the
15 escape.

16 (2) In addition to the notification requirements under
17 subsection (1), local law enforcement, where appropriate, shall
18 notify the victims of the person who has escaped from the local
19 jail, regional correctional facility or state prison facility, as
20 the case may be.



21 As used under this section, "local law enforcement" means the
22 sheriff and police chiefs in the county where the escape occurred
23 and where the original crime took place.

24 (3) If any local law enforcement agency or the Department of
25 Corrections violates any provision of this act, the agency or the
26 department shall be assessed the following fines:

- 27 (a) First offense, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00);
28 (b) Second offense, Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
29 (\$2,500.00); and
30 (c) Third and subsequent offenses, Five Thousand
31 Dollars (\$5,000.00).

32 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
33 and after July 1, 2025.

