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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
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 REQUIRE NOTIFICATION WHEN THE INMATE OR DETAINEE IS
6 APPREHENDED AFTER AN ESCAPE; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN PENALTIES IF SUCH
7 NOTIFICATION DOES NOT OCCUR; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

17 (b) When an inmate or detainee is apprehended after an
18 escape, the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation and local law
19 enforcement shall be immediately notified within an hour after the
20 inmate or detainee is back in custody. The law enforcement agency



21 that apprehends the inmate or detainee after an escape shall make
22 the notification to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

23 (2) In addition to the notification requirements under
24 subsection (1), local law enforcement, where appropriate, shall
25 notify the victims of the person who has escaped from the local
26 jail, regional correctional facility or state prison facility, as
27 the case may be. Such victims shall also be notified when the
28 inmate or detainee is apprehended after an escape.

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

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

35 (a) First offense, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00);

36 (b) Second offense, Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
37 (\$2,500.00); and

38 (c) Third and subsequent offenses, Five Thousand
39 Dollars (\$5,000.00).

40 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
41 and after July 1, 2025, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2025.

