

By: Representative Brown

To: Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1692

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF
 2 MENTAL HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPANDING OUTPATIENT SERVICES AND
 3 COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES FOR FORMER INMATES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
 4 CORRECTIONS WHO WERE DIAGNOSED WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS WHILE HOUSED
 5 WITHIN A STATE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
 6 CORRECTIONS AND WHO ARE NO LONGER INCARCERATED WITHIN A
 7 CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, AS
 8 PROVIDED IN HOUSE BILL NO. _____, 2025 REGULAR SESSION, FOR THE
 9 FISCAL YEAR 2026.

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

11 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be
 12 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
 13 Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Department of Mental
 14 Health for the purpose of expanding outpatient services and
 15 community-based services for former inmates of the Department of
 16 Corrections who were diagnosed with a mental illness while housed
 17 within a state correctional institution of the Department of
 18 Corrections and who are no longer incarcerated within a
 19 correctional institution of the Department of Corrections, as
 20 provided in House Bill No. _____, 2025 Regular Session, for the
 21 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026



22\$ 1,000,000.00

23 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Mental Health shall distribute
24 up to \$500,000.00 of the money appropriated in Section 1 of this
25 act among the community mental health centers to be used for the
26 same purpose described in Section 1, as provided in House Bill
27 No.____, 2025 Regular Session.

28 **SECTION 3.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid
29 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State General Fund
30 not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State
31 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or
32 her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person,
33 officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

34 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
35 and after July 1, 2025.

