

By: Senator(s) Johnson

To: Corrections

SENATE BILL NO. 2239

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-931, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
3 TO CONTRACT WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FORREST COUNTY,
4 MISSISSIPPI, TO HOUSE STATE INMATES IN REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL
5 FACILITIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 47-5-931, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 47-5-931. (1) The Department of Corrections, in its
9 discretion, may contract with the board of supervisors of one or
10 more counties or with a regional facility operated by one or more
11 counties, to provide for housing, care and control of offenders
12 who are in the custody of the State of Mississippi. Any facility
13 owned or leased by a county or counties for this purpose shall be
14 designed, constructed, operated and maintained in accordance with
15 American Correctional Association standards, and shall comply with
16 all constitutional standards of the United States and the State of
17 Mississippi, and with all court orders that may now or hereinafter
18 be applicable to the facility. If the Department of Corrections
19 contracts with more than one (1) county to house state offenders



20 in county correctional facilities, excluding a regional facility,
21 then the first of such facilities shall be constructed in Sharkey
22 County and the second of such facilities shall be constructed in
23 Jefferson County.

24 (2) The Department of Corrections shall contract with the
25 board of supervisors of the following counties to house state
26 inmates in regional facilities: (a) Marion and Walthall Counties;
27 (b) Carroll and Montgomery Counties; (c) Stone and Pearl River
28 Counties; (d) Winston and Choctaw Counties; (e) Kemper and Neshoba
29 Counties; (f) Alcorn County and any contiguous county in which
30 there is located an unapproved jail; (g) Yazoo County and any
31 contiguous county in which there is located an unapproved jail;
32 (h) Chickasaw County and any contiguous county in which there is
33 located an unapproved jail; (i) George and Greene Counties and any
34 contiguous county in which there is located an unapproved jail;
35 (j) Washington County and any contiguous county in which there is
36 located an unapproved jail; (k) Hinds County and any contiguous
37 county in which there is located an unapproved jail; (l) Leake
38 County and any contiguous county in which there is located an
39 unapproved jail; (m) Issaquena County and any contiguous county in
40 which there is located an unapproved jail; (n) Jefferson County
41 and any contiguous county in which there is located an unapproved
42 jail; (o) Franklin County and any contiguous county in which there
43 is located an unapproved jail; (p) Holmes County and any
44 contiguous county in which there is located an unapproved



jail; * * * (q) Bolivar County and any contiguous county in which there is located an unapproved jail; and (r) Forrest County and any contiguous county in which there is located an unapproved jail. The Department of Corrections shall decide the order of priority of the counties listed in this subsection with which it will contract for the housing of state inmates. For the purposes of this subsection, the term "unapproved jail" means any jail that the local grand jury determines should be condemned or has found to be of substandard condition or in need of substantial repair or reconstruction.

(3) In addition to the offenders authorized to be housed under subsection (1) of this section, the Department of Corrections may contract with any regional facility to provide for housing, care and control of not more than seventy-five (75) additional offenders who are in the custody of the State of Mississippi.

(4) The Governor and the Commissioner of Corrections are authorized to increase administratively the number of offenders who are in the custody of the State of Mississippi that can be placed in regional correctional facilities.

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

