

**Adopted  
SUBSTITUTE NO 1 FOR COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED  
TO**

**House Bill No. 1230**

**BY: Senator(s) Barnett**

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 47-7-18, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
amended as follows:

47-7-18 (1) No inmate convicted of a sex offense as defined  
by Section 45-33-23(h), a crime of violence as defined by Section  
97-3-2, or both, nor an inmate who is eligible for geriatric  
parole shall be released on parole without a hearing before the  
Parole Board as required by Section 47-7-17. All other inmates  
eligible for parole pursuant to Section 47-7-3 \* \* \* may, in the  
discretion of the State Parole Board, be released from



16 incarceration to parole supervision on the inmate's parole  
17 eligibility date, without a hearing before the board, if:

18 (a) The inmate has met the requirements of the parole  
19 case plan established pursuant to Section 47-7-3.1;

20 (b) A victim of the offense has not requested the board  
21 conduct a hearing;

22 (c) The inmate has not received a serious or major  
23 violation report within the past six (6) months;

24 (d) The inmate has agreed to the conditions of  
25 supervision; and

26 (e) The inmate has a discharge plan approved by the  
27 board.

28 (2) At least thirty (30) days prior to an inmate's parole  
29 eligibility date, the department shall notify the board in writing  
30 of the inmate's compliance or noncompliance with the case plan.  
31 If an inmate fails to meet a requirement of the case plan, prior  
32 to the parole eligibility date, he or she shall have a hearing  
33 before the board to determine if completion of the case plan can  
34 occur while in the community.

35 (3) Any inmate for whom there is insufficient information  
36 for the department to determine compliance with the case plan  
37 shall have a hearing with the board.

38 (4) A hearing shall be held with the board if requested by  
39 the victim following notification of the inmate's parole release  
40 date pursuant to Section 47-7-17.



41           (5) A hearing shall be held by the board if a law  
42 enforcement official from the community to which the inmate will  
43 return contacts the board or the department and requests a hearing  
44 to consider information relevant to public safety risks posed by  
45 the inmate if paroled at the initial parole eligibility date. The  
46 law enforcement official shall submit an explanation documenting  
47 these concerns for the board to consider.

48           (6) If a parole hearing is held, the board may determine the  
49 inmate has sufficiently complied with the case plan or that the  
50 incomplete case plan is not the fault of the inmate and that  
51 granting parole is not incompatible with public safety, the board  
52 may then parole the inmate with appropriate conditions. If the  
53 board determines that the inmate has sufficiently complied with  
54 the case plan but the discharge plan indicates that the inmate  
55 does not have appropriate housing immediately upon release, the  
56 board may parole the inmate to a transitional reentry center with  
57 the condition that the inmate spends no more than six (6) months  
58 in the center. If the board determines that the inmate has not  
59 substantively complied with the requirement(s) of the case plan it  
60 may deny parole. If the board denies parole, the board may  
61 schedule a subsequent parole hearing and, if a new date is  
62 scheduled, the board shall identify the corrective action the  
63 inmate will need to take in order to be granted parole. Any  
64 inmate not released at the time of the inmate's initial parole  
65 date shall have a parole hearing at least every year.



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

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

1           AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-7-18, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 CLARIFY THAT NONVIOLENT INMATES ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE MAY, IN THE  
3 DISCRETION OF THE STATE PAROLE BOARD, BE RELEASED FROM  
4 INCARCERATION TO PAROLE SUPERVISION ON THE PAROLE-ELIGIBLE DATE;  
5 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

