

By: Senator(s) Smith

To: Corrections;  
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2331

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO CONDUCT  
2 A PILOT PROGRAM FOR INTENSIVE AND COMPREHENSIVE ALCOHOL AND OTHER  
3 DRUG TREATMENT FOR INMATES AT THE CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI CORRECTIONAL  
4 FACILITY; TO PLACE CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS ON THE PROGRAM; TO REQUIRE  
5 AFTER-CARE MONITORING, SERVICES AND TRANSITION PLAN FOR INMATES;  
6 TO REQUIRE RECIDIVISM REPORTS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF THIS  
7 ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Department of Corrections may establish  
10 a five-year pilot program at the Central Mississippi Correctional  
11 Facility to provide a two-hundred-fifty-bed unit dedicated to an  
12 intensive and comprehensive alcohol and other drug treatment  
13 program for inmates. The department shall establish guidelines  
14 for the program consistent with the mission of public safety. The  
15 program shall be a prison-based treatment program designed to  
16 reduce substance abuse by inmates, correct dysfunctional thinking  
17 and behavioral patterns, and prepare inmates to make a successful  
18 and crime-free readjustment to the community.

19 (2) (a) The department may contract with public, private or  
20 nonprofit organizations to develop, operate and administer the  
21 treatment program. If the department contracts for the private  
22 operation of the program, the department shall reimburse the  
23 private contractor at the per diem rate allowed regional  
24 facilities under Section 47-5-933.

25 (b) An inmate who is within eighteen (18) months of his  
26 earned release date or parole date may be placed in the program.

27 (3) The program shall consist, but is not limited to, the  
28 following components:



29           (a) An assessment and placement component using a  
30 recidivism needs assessment of the inmates;

31           (b) An intensive and comprehensive treatment and  
32 rehabilitation component which addresses the specific drug or  
33 alcohol problem of the inmate. This component shall include  
34 relapse prevention strategies, anger management strategies and  
35 regimented discipline strategies.

36           (c) An aftercare post-release component that has a  
37 specific transition plan for each inmate. The transition plan  
38 must address specific post-release needs such as employment,  
39 housing, medical care, relapse prevention and treatment. The plan  
40 shall require personnel to assist the inmate with these needs and  
41 to assist in finding community-based programs for the inmate. The  
42 plan shall require the inmate to be tracked in at least thirty-day  
43 intervals to measure compliance with his established transition  
44 plan.

45           (d) A monitoring assessment of recidivism containing  
46 post-release history of substance abuse, breaches of trust,  
47 arrests, convictions, employment, community functioning, and  
48 marital and family interaction.

49           (4) The department shall file a report annually on the  
50 program with specific data on recidivism of inmates including the  
51 data required in subsection (3)(d).

52           (5) The program authorized under this section may be renewed  
53 if it meets performance requirements as may be determined by the  
54 Legislature.

55           (6) This section shall repeal on January 1, 2008.

56           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
57 and after July 1, 2002.

