

By: Senator(s) Smith

To: Corrections;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2333

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 BOLIVAR COUNTY REGIONAL
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 Bolivar County Regional Facility
11 to provide a two-hundred-fifty-bed unit dedicated to an intensive
12 and comprehensive alcohol and other drug treatment program for
13 inmates. The department shall establish guidelines for the
14 program consistent with the mission of public safety. The program
15 shall be a prison-based treatment program designed to reduce
16 substance abuse by inmates, correct dysfunctional thinking and
17 behavioral patterns, and prepare inmates to make a successful and
18 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.

