

By: Senator(s) Huggins, Posey

To: Public Health and
Welfare; Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2663

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JUVENILE
2 REHABILITATION CENTER IN BROOKHAVEN, MISSISSIPPI; TO PROVIDE FOR
3 THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CENTER BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF
4 MENTAL HEALTH; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Juvenile Rehabilitation Center located
7 in Brookhaven, Mississippi, is recognized as now existing and
8 shall be for the care and treatment of persons with mental
9 retardation. The facility shall have the power to receive and
10 hold property, real, personal and mixed, as a body corporate. The
11 facility shall be under the direction and control of the State
12 Board of Mental Health.

13 (2) Admissions shall be pursuant to Sections 41-21-61
14 through 41-21-107 and regulations promulgated by the Board of
15 Mental Health. The director may transfer any patient from one
16 facility operated directly by the Department of Mental Health to
17 another as necessary for the welfare of that or other patient.

18 (3) The Juvenile Rehabilitation Center is authorized to
19 establish and operate a school to meet the educational needs of
20 its clients.

21 (4) With funds provided by the Legislature, by direct
22 appropriation or authorized bond issue, with federal matching
23 funds, or with any other available funds, the Bureau of Building,
24 Grounds and Real Property Management may construct and equip the
25 necessary residential and service buildings and other facilities
26 to care for the residents of the Juvenile Rehabilitation Center.
27 The general design of the facility and all construction plans



28 shall be approved and recommended by the State Department of
29 Mental Health.

30 (5) The Juvenile Rehabilitation Center shall be administered
31 by the State Board of Mental Health. Provisions relating to the
32 admission and care of residents at the facility shall be
33 promulgated by the Board.

34 (6) Persons admitted to the Juvenile rehabilitation Center
35 shall be assessed support and maintenance costs in accordance with
36 the provisions of the state reimbursement laws as they apply to
37 other state institutions.

38 (7) Any person who (a) knowingly and unlawfully or
39 improperly causes a person to be adjudged mentally retarded, (b)
40 procures the escape of a legally committed resident or knowingly
41 conceals an escaped legally committed resident of the facility, or
42 (c) unlawfully brings any firearm, deadly weapon or explosive into
43 the facility or its grounds, or passes any thereof to a resident,
44 employee or officer of the school, is guilty of a misdemeanor and,
45 upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than
46 Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), or more than Two Hundred Dollars
47 (\$200.00), imprisonment for not less than six (6) months, or both.

48 (8) The Juvenile Rehabilitation Center is designated as a
49 state agency for carrying out the purposes of any act of the
50 Congress of the United States, now existing or at any time
51 hereafter enacted, pertaining to mental retardation.

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

