

By: Senator(s) Huggins, Posey

To: Public Health and Welfare; Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2663
(As Sent to Governor)

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 limited to mentally retarded
14 adolescents who have been committed to the center by a youth court
15 judge or chancellor in accordance with Section 41-21-109, or who
16 are voluntarily admitted to the center.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

