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Dawkins

To: Public Health and  
Welfare; Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2664  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SPECIALIZED  
2 TREATMENT FACILITY FOR THE EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED IN HARRISON  
3 COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; TO PROVIDE FOR ITS ADMINISTRATION BY THE  
4 MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

13 (2) Admissions shall be limited to mentally or emotionally  
14 disturbed adolescents who have been committed to the facility by a  
15 youth court judge or chancellor as provided in Section 41-21-109,  
16 or who are voluntarily admitted to the facility.

17 (3) With funds provided by the Legislature, by direct  
18 appropriation or authorized bond issue, with federal matching  
19 funds, or with any other available funds, the Bureau of Building,  
20 Grounds and Real Property Management may construct and equip the  
21 necessary residential and service buildings and other facilities  
22 to care for the residents of the Specialized Treatment Facility  
23 for the Emotionally Disturbed. The general design of the facility  
24 and all construction plans shall be approved and recommended by  
25 the State Department of Mental Health.

26 (4) The Specialized Treatment Facility for the Emotionally  
27 Disturbed shall be administered by the State Board of Mental



28 Health. Provisions relating to the admission and care of  
29 residents at the facility shall be promulgated by the Board.

30 (5) The Specialized Treatment Facility for the Emotionally  
31 Disturbed is authorized to establish and operate a school to meet  
32 the educational needs of its patients.

33 (6) Persons admitted to the Specialized Treatment Facility  
34 for the Emotionally Disturbed shall be assessed support and  
35 maintenance costs in accordance with the provisions of the state  
36 reimbursement laws as they apply to other state institutions.

37 (7) Any person who (a) knowingly and unlawfully or  
38 improperly causes a person to be adjudged mentally ill, (b)  
39 procures the escape of a legally committed patient or knowingly  
40 conceals an escaped legally committed patient 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 Specialized Treatment Facility for the Emotionally  
48 Disturbed is designated as a state agency for carrying out the  
49 purposes of any act of the Congress of the United States, now  
50 existing or at any time hereafter enacted, pertaining to mental  
51 illness.

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

