

By: Representative Brown

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 536

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND
2 COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS TO EXPAND OUTPATIENT SERVICES AND
3 COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES FOR CERTAIN FORMERLY INCARCERATED INMATES
4 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Mental Health and community
7 mental health centers shall expand outpatient services and
8 community-based services for former inmates of the Department of
9 Corrections who are no longer incarcerated within a correctional
10 institution of the Department of Corrections. The expanded
11 outpatient services and community-based services shall be for such
12 former inmates who were diagnosed with a mental illness while
13 housed within a state correctional institution of the Department
14 of Corrections. The expansion of the outpatient services and
15 community-based services shall be paid out of any available funds
16 appropriated for such expansion of services for the former
17 incarcerated inmates of the Department of Corrections.

18 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
19 and after July 1, 2024.

