

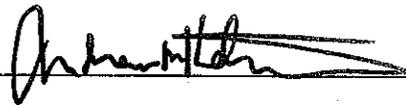
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# **HOUSE BILL NO. 1788**

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1788

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS OF GEORGE COUNTY, AND GREENE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO CONTRACT WITH THE UNITED STATES, ANY STATE OR STATES OR ANY PRIVATE CORRECTIONAL ENTITY FOR THE HOUSING OF MINIMUM OR MEDIUM SECURITY OFFENDERS FROM THOSE JURISDICTIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE HOUSING OF SUCH OFFENDERS SHALL BE IN THE GEORGE-GREENE COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

**SECTION 1.** For the purposes of this act, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Boards of supervisors" or "boards" means the George County Board of Supervisors and the Greene County Board of Supervisors;

(b) "Correctional facility" or "regional correctional facility" means the George-Greene County Correctional Facility;

(c) "Jurisdiction" means the United States and its territories or any state or states or any political subdivision thereof or any private correctional entity.

**SECTION 2.** The Boards of Supervisors of George County, Mississippi, and Greene County, Mississippi, are authorized, in

their discretion, to contract with the United States and its territories or any state or states or any political subdivision thereof or any private correctional entity to provide for the housing, care and control in the George-Greene County Correctional Facility of the following offenders:

- (a) Offenders who are in the custody of the jurisdiction;
- (b) Offenders who are classified as minimum or medium security;
- (c) Offenders who do not have histories of escape; and
- (d) Offenders who are sentenced to terms of incarceration for conviction of a felony, or who are sentenced to terms of incarceration for a misdemeanor, provided that the incarceration in the correctional facility for a misdemeanor is consistent with American Correctional Association Standards relating to the incarceration of offenders convicted of more serious offenses.

**SECTION 3.** The boards are further authorized to enter into agreements relating to such incarceration which may extend for time periods that are acceptable to the parties, notwithstanding any provision or rule of law to the contrary, and to exercise all powers necessary or desirable in connection with the operation of a prison or other type of correctional facility, including, but not limited to, the power to incarcerate the offenders described in Section 2 of this act.

**SECTION 4.** Further, the boards of supervisors, in their discretion, may contract with the Department of Corrections or other appropriate state, federal or local entity for the inspection, monitoring or provision of any assistance necessary or desirable to maintain a suitable, safe and secure correctional facility.

**SECTION 5.** The boards of supervisors shall not contract for the housing, care or control of maximum security offenders under this act.

**SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
April 16, 2016.



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PASSED BY THE SENATE  
April 19, 2016



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR



GOVERNOR

May 9, 2016  
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