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AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-940, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE AUTOMATIC REPEAL DATE OF THE ALCOHOL AND DRUG TREATMENT PILOT PROGRAM IN BOLIVAR COUNTY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 47-5-940, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-5-940. (1) (a) The Department of Corrections may contract with the Bolivar County Regional Facility for a five-year pilot program dedicated to an intensive and comprehensive alcohol and other drug treatment program for not more than two hundred fifty (250) inmates. The Bolivar County Regional Facility shall have the option of canceling the contract for the drug treatment program after giving the Department of Corrections thirty (30) days' notice of its intent to cancel. The program shall be a prison-based treatment program designed to reduce substance abuse by inmates, correct dysfunctional thinking and behavioral

patterns, and prepare inmates to make a successful and crime-free readjustment to the community.

(b) The Department of Corrections shall reimburse the Bolivar County Regional Facility at the per diem rate allowed under Section 47-5-933.

(2) (a) An inmate who is within eighteen (18) months of his earned release date or parole date may be placed in the program.

(b) The Department of Corrections shall remove any inmate within seventy-two (72) hours after being notified by the Bolivar County Regional Facility that the inmate is violent or refuses to participate in the drug treatment program.

(3) The program shall consist, but is not limited to, the following components:

(a) An assessment and placement component using a recidivism needs assessment of the inmates.

(b) An intensive and comprehensive treatment and rehabilitation component which addresses the specific drug or alcohol problem of the inmate. This component shall include relapse prevention strategies and anger management strategies.

(c) An aftercare post-release component that has a specific transition plan for each inmate. The transition plan must address specific post-release needs such as employment, housing, medical care, relapse prevention and treatment. The plan shall require personnel to assist the inmate with these needs and to assist in finding community-based programs for the inmate. The

plan shall require the inmate to be tracked in at least thirty-day intervals to measure compliance with his established transition plan.

(d) A monitoring assessment of recidivism containing post-release history of substance abuse, breaches of trust, arrests, convictions, employment, community functioning, and marital and family interaction.

(4) The department shall file a report annually on the program with specific data on recidivism of inmates including the data required in subsection (3)(d).

(5) The program authorized under this section may be renewed if it meets performance requirements as may be determined by the Legislature.

(6) This section shall be repealed on July * * * 1, 2019.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2018.

PASSED BY THE SENATE
February 8, 2018

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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