MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION 2014

By: Representatives Bennett, Pigott, Rushing, Staples, Ladner

To: Corrections

HOUSE BILL NO. 921

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT CONJUGAL VISITATION WITH ANY OFFENDER COMMITTED TO THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-95, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY THERETO; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Conjugal visitation is prohibited for any person visiting an offender at a correctional facility if the offender is committed to the custody of the Department of Corrections.

SECTION 2. Section 47-5-95, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-5-95. (1) The members of the executive department, except the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, and judicial departments of the state and members of the Legislature, shall with advance notice to the commissioner be admitted into the correctional system or any facility thereof, and other places where offenders are kept and worked, at all proper hours, for the purpose of observing the conduct thereof, and may hold conversations with the offenders apart from all correctional system officials.

(2) In addition to those individuals prescribed under subsection (1) of this section, other persons may visit a correctional system facility under such rules and regulations as may be established by the commissioner who shall be liable to the state on his bond for negligence in security and in an amount to be determined by the courts.

(3) Conjugal visitation is prohibited for any person visiting an offender at a correctional facility if the offender is committed to the custody of the Department of Corrections.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.