MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION 2021

By: Representatives Clark, Hudson

To: Corrections; Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 243

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-933, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE DAILY FEE FROM $31.00 TO $42.00 THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS PAYS TO ANY REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY FOR THE HOUSING OF STATE OFFENDERS IF SUCH FACILITY HOUSES FEWER THAN 300 STATE OFFENDERS; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO INCLUDE IN THE CONTRACT A CERTAIN ANNUAL INCREASE IN THE CONTRACT PRICE FOR SUCH HOUSING; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 47-5-933, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-5-933. The Department of Corrections may contract for the purposes set out in Section 47-5-931 for a period of not more than twenty (20) years. The contract *** * *** shall provide that the Department of Corrections pay a fee of no *** * *** less than Thirty-one Dollars ($31.00) per day for each offender that is housed in the facility; however, if a facility houses fewer than three hundred (300) offenders who are in the custody of the department, the department shall pay a fee of no less than Forty-two Dollars ($42.00) per day for each offender who is in the custody of the department and is housed in such facility. The

Department of Corrections *** * *** shall include in the contract, as an inflation factor, a three percent (3%) annual increase in the contract price. The state shall retain responsibility for medical care for state offenders to the extent that is required by law; provided, however, the department may reimburse each facility for contract medical services as provided by law in an amount not to exceed Six Dollars and Twenty-five Cents ($6.25) per day per offender.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

ST: Regional correctional facilities; increase daily amount paid to certain facilities for the housing of state offenders.