MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION 2021

By: Representative Banks

To: Corrections

HOUSE BILL NO. 409

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO IMPLEMENT AN EXTENDED FAMILY VISITATION PROGRAM FOR ELIGIBLE OFFENDERS WHO ARE INCARCERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. The Department of Corrections shall implement an Extended Family Visitation Program. The department shall provide extended visitation through the program for any incarcerated offender who is eligible based upon the rules of the department. As used in this section, "Extended Family Visitation Program" means a program that allows visitation by the immediate family members of eligible offenders on the grounds of a correctional facility for an extended period of time. Such visitation shall occur as follows:

(a) Visitation will be for a period not to exceed five (5) days; and

(b) The frequency of such visitation shall not exceed once every three (3) months.

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

ST: Department of Corrections; require implementation of an Extended Family Visitation Program for eligible offenders.