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Governor Musgrove Applauds Passage of Prison Legislation in Special Session

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove today said Mississippi’s correctional system will better serve the public and its mission with the passage of a revised appropriations package for private prisons within the state.

“Today’s action will save \$6 million in taxpayer money and provide us with the means to run the Department of Corrections in an efficient manner,” Musgrove said. “We have a fiscal responsibility to the people of Mississippi, and that responsibility is being met.”

Musgrove added the private prison issue to the agenda for today’s special legislative session, calling on lawmakers to revise the total amount appropriated for the Department of Corrections, including the funding for private prisons, and to remove the restriction placed on the transfer of private prison funds.

“We have worked closely with the private prisons and lawmakers, and I appreciate the spirit of cooperation that has brought us to this point today,” Musgrove said.

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