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Governor Musgrove Calls Special Session for September 5

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove announced today he is calling a special session for Thursday, September 5. The call for the session will center on funding for the Department of Corrections. In a special session held July 30, the Legislature failed to reach agreement on a plan to revise the appropriations to the level of \$48.6 million to reflect savings resulting from Musgrove’s renegotiation of private prison contracts.

Musgrove also stated he would expand the call to address the crisis in medical malpractice insurance.

“Once the corrections issue is resolved and on its way to my desk for my signature, I will expand the call of the session to address the availability and affordability of medical malpractice insurance,” Musgrove said. “The consideration of this issue must also include a short-term solution to meet the immediate needs of Mississippi’s doctors.”

In May, Musgrove stated he would call a session on this issue by the end of summer.

After legislation is passed to resolve the medical malpractice insurance issue, Musgrove said he would expand the call to address civil justice reform.

“The people of Mississippi are demanding – and they deserve – solutions to these issues,” Musgrove said. “I want them to have those solutions on September 5.”

The outline for the special session will be as follows:

Stage 1: Legislators will consider funding for the Department of Corrections at a level of \$48.6 million.

Stage 2: Upon passage of corrections funding legislation, Governor Musgrove expands the call to include medical malpractice crisis.

Stage 3: Upon passage of legislation addressing the availability and affordability of medical malpractice insurance, Governor Musgrove expands the call to include debate on civil justice reform.

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