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MDOC PLANS TO REMOVE STATE INMATES FROM COUNTY WORK PROGRAMS

JACKSON - The Mississippi Department of Corrections plans to end the Joint State County Work Programs beginning Aug. 1.

MDOC will be able to redirect \$3.2 million to other budgetary needs as a result of moving inmates from the programs in 30 counties.

“One of my most significant duties is to be a good steward of taxpayers’ money,” Commissioner Marshall Fisher said. “As such, eliminating the JSCWP will be a more efficient use of taxpayer dollars, with public safety of the utmost concern.”

Inmates in the programs will be moved to the agency’s 17 community work centers, where the inmates still will be available to perform work for counties.

Fisher, whom Gov. Phil Bryant appointed commissioner in January, said the impending action is one of several hard decisions his administration will make in restructuring the inmate population in response to a population shift. The prison system is experiencing an increase in the number of offenders on supervision in communities as the incarcerated population decreases.

“The old way of doing business is no longer a viable option,” Fisher said.

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