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MDOC Replacing RID Program

JACKSON – After July 1, the Mississippi Department of Corrections will offer a new program as an alternative to the Regimented Inmate Discipline program, commonly known as RID.

The department must end the paramilitary program and replace it with an evidence-based program, based on a state law.

The new program, entitled Recidivism Reduction Program (RRP), will include Thinking for a Change, a cognitive behavioral therapy model that has been proven to be effective in changing criminological thinking patterns. The National Institute of Corrections created Thinking for a Change.

Since the state law was passed in 2015, MDOC has been working with the Mississippi Joint Legislative PEER Committee to develop an adequate program.

“MDOC is one of the state’s pilot agencies for performance-based budgeting,” Commissioner Marshall Fisher said. “As such, we are committed to performing our public safety mission operating as effectively and efficiently as our budget allows.”

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