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Corrections Oversight Task Force visits MSP

PARCHMAN – The Corrections & Criminal Justice Oversight Task Force kicked off another round of prison tours at the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman on May 8.

Following a brief meeting in the administration’s conference room, the task force toured Unit 17 where death row is housed, including interaction with the inmates. The task force also visited several vocational trade facilities where inmates make garments and metal fabrication items. The task force toured the chapel at Unit 30 and visited the men’s seminary program.

During its meeting in April at the state Supreme Court building, members heard from Commissioner Cain and Intervention Courts Director Pam Holmes.

Also, Rankin County Undersheriff Barry Vaughn and Jason Dare, the legal adviser, discussed the trusty and work-release program in Rankin County. They were accompanied by two program participants.

Additionally, MDOC Legislative Liaison Kathryn McCullouch updated the group on legislation that passed or failed during the most recent legislative session. A task force recommendation to shorten the expungement period was among the successful bills.







