

By: Representative Ford

To: Juvenile Justice;
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 611

1 AN ACT TO REENACT SECTION 43-21-317, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, WHICH ESTABLISHES THE JUVENILE DETENTION FUND; TO AMEND
3 REENACTED SECTION 43-21-317, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND
4 THE DATE UNTIL WHICH MONIES IN THE FUND SHALL NOT LAPSE INTO THE
5 GENERAL FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 4, CHAPTER 546, LAWS OF 1995, AS
6 AMENDED BY SECTION 3, CHAPTER 494, LAWS OF 1997, AS AMENDED BY
7 SECTION 2, CHAPTER 379, LAWS OF 1998, TO EXTEND THE REPEALER ON
8 THE JUVENILE DETENTION FUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

10 SECTION 1. Section 43-21-317, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
11 reenacted and amended as follows:

12 43-21-317. (1) There is established in the State Treasury a
13 fund to be known as the "Juvenile Detention Fund" which shall be
14 administered by the Department of Public Safety. Such fund shall
15 be used for the purposes established in this section. The
16 Department of Public Safety shall promulgate regulations for the
17 administration of the fund including applications for grants, the
18 awarding of grants and any necessary forms therefor.

19 (2) The fund shall consist of funds which shall be
20 appropriated by the Legislature in an amount equal to Three
21 Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$3.50) for each person in the total
22 population of the State of Mississippi. Any interest which
23 accrues in the fund shall remain in the fund and at the end of the
24 fiscal year any monies remaining in the fund shall not lapse into
25 the General Fund but shall remain in the fund until July 1, 2000,
26 at which time such remaining funds shall lapse into the General
27 Fund.

28 (3) The fund shall be used for the following purposes:

29 (a) To provide grants to local governmental units to

30 construct, renovate and maintain juvenile detention facilities.
31 Grants shall be awarded on a Three Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$3.50)
32 per capita basis based on the population of the local governmental
33 unit. Counties and municipalities are encouraged to enter into
34 interlocal agreements to receive grants.

35 (b) To reduce existing indebtedness related to juvenile
36 detention facilities of units of government with existing
37 facilities, proposed facilities or facilities under construction.

38 (4) Any grants made under the provisions of this section
39 shall be made within eighteen (18) months of the effective date of
40 this chapter.

41 SECTION 2. Section 4, Chapter 546, Laws of 1995, as amended
42 by Section 3, Chapter 494, Laws of 1997, as amended by Section 2,
43 Chapter 379, Laws of 1998, is amended as follows:

44 Section 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from
45 and after its passage and shall stand repealed on July 1, 2000.

46 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from
47 and after its passage.